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Iran Denies 'Opening' to U.S.

Cultural Initiative Was Misunderstood, Khatami Says

By Elaine Sciolino New York Times Service

NEW YORK - President Mohammed Khatami of Iran said Tuesday that Tehran had no intention of opening a political dialogue with the United States until Washington took concrete steps to change its policies toward his country.

In a hastily arranged breakfast and news conference with a score of journalists, Mr. Khatami



President Mohammed Khatami fielding reporters' questions at a news conference Tuesday in New York.

made clear that his initiative for cultural exchanges between the two countries had been misunderstood and did not include any government-to-govern-

Even visits to Iran by U.S. congressmen and mayors were not under consideration, he said. "Unfortunately, there seems to be a misin-terpretation of what I've tried to say in this respect

— and that is not to confuse a dialogue among people and cultures with political dialogue," he

said when asked what specific steps the United States had to take before a political dialogue could

begin. "But it seems there is a lot of confusion." In January, Mr. Khatami, in an interview with CNN, announced the launching of cultural ex-changes as a way to break down what he called the "wall of mistrust" between the two countries. Since then, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has reiterated the American call for a formal dialogue as a way to create a "road map" for normalization between the two countries.

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Mr. Khatami also said that Iran was trying to avoid a military confrontation with the Talehan in Afghanistan. Asked whether his country was ready to invade, he said, "Iran is ready to defend its security and territorial integrity." He added, however, that "we are making all efforts so that, God willing, there will not be a war." be a war.

Mr. Khatami also made his first statement as president on the fate of the novelist Salman Rushdie, who was condemned to death in a religious decree by the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini shortly before the Iranian supreme leader's death

The ruling has never been revoked, although the official position of the Iranian government is that it has no intention

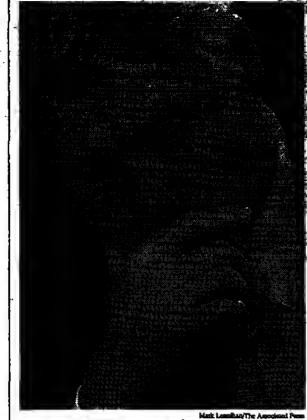
of carrying out the decree.

Asked why the ruling had never been revoked, Mr. Khatami made clear that Iran wants to put the matter behind it.

"We should consider the Salman Rushdie issue as completely finished," he said.

He noted that Ayatollah Khomeini "as an Islamic jurist gave us his opinion about this matter and many other religious leaders have told us about their opinions in this respect and what they think" and added, "The Iranian government has officially announced that in practice it has made no decision

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President Bill Clinton listening to a panel discussion at New York University's law school.

Poll Backs Clinton, But Foes Are Firm Republicans Fress House Inquiry

WASHINGTON - The White House took heart on Tuesday from early signs that public support for Pres-ident Bill Clinton edged upward after the telecast of his grand jury testimony. but Republicans gave no sign that they would slow their march toward an impeachment inquiry.

Asked about poll results - taken after the Chinton videotape appeared on the nation's television screens - tha again showed strong job approval rat-ings for Mr. Clinton, Michael McCurry, the president's spokesman, said that. White House aides were working with members of Congress to try to craft a "constructive solution" to the crisis.

But Republican members of the House Judiciary Committee, which is weighing the allegations against Mr. Clinton, indicated that they were likely to move ahead.

Asked about prospects of an impeachment inquiry, Representative Charles Canady of Florida, for ex-ample, said, "There is a lot that points in the direction of the need for such an

'There's a picture here of evasion, and that's very troubling," he said.

Starr report said to exclude pro-Clinton testimony. Page 3.

Even some Democrats known as Clinton supporters are bracing for im-

peachment hearings.
Senator Robert Torricelli of New

Jersey said he was absorbing details of the case in the expectation that the full

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Reviews Come In on Tape Testimony

Smoking Gun or Popgun? Viewers Saw What They Wanted

By R. W. Apple Jr.

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton's belatedly televised grand jury testimony - breathlessly advertised as explosive in its content, but much less so in reality - is unlikely to change many

people are likely to find reinforcement in it for their previously formed viewpoints. Members of Cougress began doing precisely that as soon as the testimony, which was taped on Aug. 17, had been broadcast; some who watched swore they

had seen a smoking gun, while others saw only a popgun.
Those who have felt that Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor; was unfairly hounding the president, or that the whole case was built upon an unfair intrusion into his private life, will doubtless find ample support in the dogged pursuit of the president by ques-tioners seemingly determined to find inconsistencies in his account. and by their concentration on Mr. Clinton's sexual relationships to the exclusion of other matters the grand jury has investigated, including Whitewater land deals.

On the other hand, those especially condemnatory of Mr. Clinton's sexual behavior, those who see him as a man who habitually resorts to weasel words when comered or those who believe he has committed perjury, will find evidence to buttress their cases. Some things he said appeared to conflict directly with the testimony of other witnesses questioned by the grand jury, including not only Monica Lewinsky but White House aides and security officers. Still, one thing is beyond debate, and that could produce political

benefits for the president: Despite expectations to the contrary, in large part raised by the news media, the testimony contained few explicit sexual terms, and none that had not already been used in the Starr

The four hours of testimony constituted a performance radically different from the four-minute speech to the nation Mr. Clinton made

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later that same day.

In the speech, Mr. Clinton's apologies sounded forced, he spent

The Ultimate Survivor May Have Caught a Break

By David Maraniss

WASHINGTON -- It has happened time and again throughout Bill Clinton's political career: Just when be appears most vulnerable, an unexpected bit of luck yanks him back from the brink.

The release of the videotape of his Aug. 17 grand jury testimony may someday be remembered as the unlikeliest and most ironic of his lifetime of lucky breaks, a potentially damaging event that helped more than hurt, a result in large measure of misplaced expectations that the tape would do him in.

There were, to be sure, palpahly uncomfortable moments for Mr. Clinton during the four-hour grilling, and several exchanges where his wordplay seemed exceedingly cute or intentioually misleading, yet there appeared to be no single frame that will be burnished forever in public raemory.

Mr. Clinion, the ultimate survivor, somehow finished the ordeal laughing, a smile on his face, as though he realized at that moment that

once again, following the eerily repetitive cycles of his life, his opponents might have overplayed their hand. Though on a smaller scale and with less grave consequences, the

closest ancestor to the grand jury videotape in Mr. Clinton's cease-lessly melodramatic political biography was the release of what came to be known as "the draft letter" during the early stages of the 1992 In February of that year, when Mr. Clinton's candidacy was already

reeling from allegations of sexual infidelity and draft-dodging, his emies discovered and made public a letter that he had written back in 1969 in which be had thanked an ROTC colonel at the University of Arkansas for "saving" him from the draft and allowing him to maintain his "political viability." Conventional wisdom at the time held that the letter was a grievous

embarrassment that might force the governor of Arkansas to drop out of the race. But Mr. Clinton's enemies, as it turned out, had utterly miscalculated how the letter would be interpreted by the public.

While a paragraph-by-paragraph examination of the letter would

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Mahathir Assails Former Deputy

He Calls Anwar a 'Sodomist' Unfit to Govern Nation

By Thomas Fuller national Herold Tribune

KUALA LUMPUR - Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia on Tuesday spelled out in graphic detail the allegations of sexual misconduct that led him to dismiss Anwar Ibrahim, the country's former finance minister and deputy

"I cannot accept a man who is a sodomist to become the leader of this country," Mr. Mahathir said at a press conference.

Mr. Anwar, who was the prime minister's anointed successor until his dismissal last month, was taken into custody Sunday and charged Mon-day under the country's Internal Security Act. Mr. Mahathir also said Tuesday, in his first

interview since the dismissal of Mr. Anwar, that his government would have no trouble dealing with any future unrest and that he did not expect a further crackdown on dissent. Q&A, Page 8. Mr. Mahathir, 72, faced the largest demon-

strations in his 17-year-old rule on Sunday and Monday, protests led by supporters of Mr. Anwar. Demonstrators on Monday clashed with the police in Kuala Lumpur, where more than 100 people were arrested.

The Internal Security Act allows indefinite de-

tention without trial. But Mr. Mahathir said his former deputy would soon be brought to court and charged for sodomy.

I actually interviewed the people he sodomized, the women that he had sex with, the driver who brought the women to the place where he met them," Mr. Mahathir said.

Mr. Anwar has vehemently denied the charges and says they are part of a conspiracy "at the highest levels of government." Mr. Anwar is also under investigation for sedition, treason and bolding unauthorized public ral-

The ouster of Mr. Anwar has stunned many Malaysians, many of whom say they find it hard to believe that a man who was the country's anointed sor could suddenly he charged with so many

The press conference Tuesday was an effort by Mr. Mahathir to secure support for Mr. Anwar's dismissal. Sodomy is a crime in Malaysia under a colonial-cra British law, but the allegations - if true. are bound to resonate within Mr. Anwar's con-servative Muslim constituency. To his supporters, Mr. Anwar is a devout Muslim who has long protected Islamic causes in multiracial Malaysia.

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AGENDA

Spain Rejects Bid to Ease Abortion Law

MADRID (AP) — Parliamentary deputies rejected Tuesday by one vote a proposal to relax Spain's abortion as in cases of rape, incest or fetal

The main opposition Socialist Party's proposal to ease the 1985 legislation that decriminalized abortion for certain cases garnered 172 votes in favor in the nearly full parliamentary chamber, one less than the number of

The existing law allows abortion through the first 12 weeks of preg-

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malformation. The rejected proposal sought to permit the termination of any pregnancy in the first 12 weeks if it created a personal, social or family conflict for the woman

The proposal has already been hlocked twice by Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's Popular Party since it took office in 1996.

Obuchi Is Cautious About Plan for Banks

After a meeting Tuesday in New York with President Bill Clinton, Prime Minister Keizo Ohuchi of Japan said he was "neither optimistic nor pessimistic" about the chances of restructuring Japan's banking and fi-nance systems. Page 13.



LESOTHO UNREST — Residents of Maseru with clothes looted from shops Tuesday during South Africa's military intervention. Page 7.

EU Bank Chief Sees a Late Jolt on Rates

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He Warns of 'Rather Forced' Realignment Before Start of Single Currency

By Barry James

pean Central Bank, Wim Duisenberg, predicted Tuesday that European interest rates would be brought into line in the 100 days remaining before the introduction of the European single currency.

International Herald Tribun BRUSSELS - The head of the Euroor reduce costs.

He ruled out joint action with the United States to lower interest rates. At the same time, the International Monetary Fund warned that the single currency could result in financial instability and a banking crisis for which

European governments were ill-pre-pared. The IMF said the new currency. for ensuring market stability throughout the euro, would put pressure on the European banking system at a time when it might be difficult to close banks

'In such an environment, inefficient and unprofitable institutions may continue to operate, engaging in increas-ingly risky activities," the IMF said in its Capital Markets Report.

The ease with which banks will be able to make unsecured loans across borders could mean a "higher risk of conta-gion," it added, as neither governments

for ensuring market stability throughout the euro zone. It said the European Central Bank had no authority to address a

Mr. Duisenberg told the monetary committee of the European Parliament that the central bank would prefer to see interest rates - which range from 3.2 percent in Austria to 6.19 percent in reland -- fall gradually into line rather than experience "a steep fall in a single

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U.S. Admonishes China Over Its Barriers to Trade

Washington Seeks Access to 1.2 Billion Shoppers

By Elisabeth Rosenthal **New York Times Service**

BEDING - A senior U.S. trade official Tuesday impatiently criticized China's unwillingness to open its markets to foreign companies and accused China of tightening restrictions on foreign husinesses, firing off another volley in what has become an increasingly

tense trade relationship.

Contending that China's policies had helped produce a bilateral trade deficit of \$1 billion a week for the United States, the official said that the U.S. government was "exploring its options," looking for ways to pressure China into giving U.S. businesses improved access to its 1.2 billion con-

"They have taken this relationship for granted," said David Aaron, andersecretary of commerce for internadersecretary of commerce for unterna-tional trade, adding, "The list of bar-riers is just getting bigger and we're not crossing anything off the list — that's the problem."

Mr. Aaron, who was in Beijing to

attend a conference and meet with Chinese officials, offered hope that the two trading partners could ultimately cooperate. But the polite trade discussions that surrounded President Bill Clinton's visit to China this spring have clearly given way to exasperation and blunt talk, Mr. Aaron characterized his meetings with the Chinese this week as

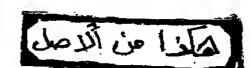
'somewhat somber." "We recognize that the Chinese have lots of difficult problems to face," Mr. Aaron told reporters, listing the Asian economic crisis, failing state-owned enterprises and this summer's disastrous floods. "But my joh is to make sure that on that list of problems is this trade deficit and the treatment of businesses According to the U.S. government, the American trade deficit with China is over \$50 billion annually and growing, though Chinese officials say the numbers are exaggerated.

Mr. Aaron's terse admonitions come after a few tense weeks in which China and the United States have locked horns over new U.S. regulations that ban imports from China that are packed in untreated wood containers, a ban that may affect more than half of Chinese exports to the United States. U.S. officials have said the new re-

quirements are necessary to prevent further invasions by the Asian long-horned beetle, which in the last two years has emerged from raw wood packing material from China to kill thousands of trees in Chicago and New York. But Chinese trade officials have said

that the regulations were motivated not See TRADE, Page 8

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By Lee Hockstader Washington Post Service

ABALYA REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza - Imagine being Ahmad Mousa, chief of elementary schools in Gaza's astonishingly overcrowded

When schools opened last year, he had to cope with 10,000 additional students. This year, be must find room for 11,000 more. Next year, the school system is expected to grow by 12,000 pupils.

Yet with the number of students increasing at a

rate of 6 or 7 percent a year, Mr. Mousa's budget has grown by just 2 percent in the last two years. A school system in an affluent American suburb that is roughly the size of Gaza's spends roughly 30 times more money than Mr. Mousa.

'We're using administrative offices for classrooms and shipping containers for adminis-trative offices," said Mr. Mousa, a veteran official of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees, which runs most of Gaza's elementary schools. "We're short on buildings, short on hiring additional teachers, short on books and short on furniture.

The social and political earthquake that gave birth to contemporary Gaza was Israel's 1948 war of independence. Some 250,000 Palestinians fled or were expelled from their homes and sought refuge in Gaza. The refugees thought their stay would be brief - a lew months, maybe a year. But today they remain in Gaza and, together with their children and grandchildren, comprise one of the world's fastestgrowing populations.

Jabalya is the largest of Gaza's camps, but the word "camp" does not do justice to the jumble that Jabalya has become. In its shadeless streets, children sputter out of alleyways, dart between cars. seethe and eddy along the curhs.

ORE THAN half of Jabalya's 100,000 people have not yet reached puberty and a good portion have no shoes, A decade ago, it was Jabalya youths wbo started the iunfudu - the Palestinian uprising against Israel,

Israeli troops have since pulled out of most of Gaza, leaving it under the control of the Palestinian Authority. Gaza's population continues to expand at a rate of nearly 5 percent a year, the product of a conservative Islamic society that frowns on birth control and attaches prestige to large families - as well as a notion that larget families will help build the Palestinian nation.

That has left just about every resource bere clinics, water and power supplies, recreational facilities and especially schools - impossibly over-

In Gaza's refugee camps, 170 schools are



Palestinian fifth-grade students raising their hands to answer a question during an English class in a school in the Jabalya refugee camp in Gaza. There are 58 students in the class despite double shifts at the school.

jammed into 109 school buildings. That is ac-complished by holding classes for one school's pupils in the morning, then sending them home to make room for the next school in the afternoon. Next year, Mr. Mousa said, triple shifts may be necessary in Jabalya and other neighborhoods.

In Jabalya, where schools are most crowded, 55 students are crammed into every classroom. Eight of the 11 schools in the camp were built in the early 1950s, when the refugees still believed they would return home soon and no one expected the buildings would have to last more than a few years.

These schools are run by the United Nations, but there is no sign they enjoy much priority. There are no computers, no overhead projectors and, in most schools, no radiators to keep classrooms warm in

The crude desks have been scarred by two generations of pupils; some teachers can recognize the carvings they made on desktops as pupils 30 years

Despite the crowding, in some ways life has improved in Gaza over the last half-century. Public bealth standards are vastly improved. Many fewer infants or mothers die in childbirth and the elderly live longer than ever.

But the effects of crowding have overwhelmed

the schools.

"Kids become violent and aggressive because of crowding," said Halil Halani, beadmaster of a Jabalya boys school. "Teachers can't control them in such big classes.

In addition, conjunctivitis and other infections spread like wildfire. Last April, Mr. Halani said, 225 of his school's 600 pupils were absent one day with skin infections. Intestinal infections run rampant "We're educating kids in very, very critical circumstances," be said.

Hurricane Leaves a Trail Of Caribbean Destruction Torm Kills at I amount to the Resemble of the Resemble of

Storm Kills at Least 10 and Batters Puerto Rico

The Associated Press SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - The bur-

riage designated Georges, carrying winds up to 120 miles an hour, knocked out power and forced residents into sbelters in densely populated Dominican Republic on Tuesday, after having devastated Puerto Rico and leaving at least 10 dead across the Caribbean.

Powerful thunderstorms left Puerto Rico, an island of 4 million people, completely without electricity and 80 percent of its people without water.

Most highways were obstructed, the government said.

The hurricane spawned tornadoes, flooded botels and exploded shop and car windows as it slowly ripped through

Puerto Rico. The storm turned trees into missiles, flipped small airplanes, whisked away satellite disbes and forced tens of thousands or people from their bomes and

into shelters "We are starting from ground zero," a somber Governor Pedro Rossello said

of recovery efforts. With winds and rains dying slowly, workers cleared debris from the runways at the San Juan international airport so emergency aid could be flown

"The simation is critical," said Mayor Anibal Melendez of the eastern Puerto Rican resort of Fajardo, where dozens of bornes lost their roofs.

President Bill Clinton declared Pu-

erto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands disaster areas, authorizing immediate release of U.S. recovery aid.

One of the most powerful storms to hit the Caribbean in years, Georges headed Tuesday for the Dominican Republic and Haiti, where many of that island's 15 million people live in substandard bousing that could leave them exposed to the burricane's fury. Hurricane warnings were posted for

Haiti, eastern Cuba, the southeastern Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos islands, and a burricane watch was in effect in parts of central Cuba and the central Bahamas.

Concern was growing in Florida, where workers put sbutters over the windows at Key West City Hall.

Georges unleashed a landslide near San Juan that killed three people, Civil George was growing away from land.

Defense officials said. Two people died of heart attacks in shelters, and one person was reported missing in another

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The storm killed two people and injured several others in Antigua, Prime Minister Lester Bird said. One death was reported in St. Kins. where 70 perthe hospital, airport and police station. A curfew was in effect there to prevent looting, said a government spokes-man, Erasmus Williams.

As it moved westward across southern Puerto Rico, Georges spawned tornadoes in the central town of Barran-quitas and the eastern island of

Gusts reaching 175 miles an hour were reported in the interior mountains, Georges also caused extensive property damage in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Antigua and other smaller Caribbean islands. whère damage reports were sketchy.

On the French island of Guadeloupe, France sent a team of 170 rescue and repair workers to help recovery efforts on the island, where 16,000 people lacked power.

■ 2 Storms Build Off Africa

Two tropical storms swirled off the coast of West Africa on Tuesday while Hurricane Georges pummeled islands in the Caribbean. The Associated Press reported from Miami.

The tropical storm designated Jeanne formed in the eastern Atlantic on Monday, just one day after the appearance of Ivan. It is the ninth tropical cyclone to form in the Atlantic in 33 days.

It was only the third system in more

than 100 years to become a tropical storm so far east, said a burricane specialist, Ed Rappaport, of the National Hurricane Center.

Forecasters expected Jeanne to pass to the south of the Cape Verde Islands." but if the storm turns more northwest; the islands could experience tropical storm conditions late Tuesday.

Tropical storm-force wind extended as far as 105 miles from the center, and forecasters expect some strengthening in the next 24 hours. Meanwhile, the tropical storm designated Ivan was

The Cost of Protecting U.S. Embassies

\$1.8 Billion Sought From Congress to Revamp Security After Bombings

By Eric Schmitt

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration will ask Congress this week for \$1.8 hillion for emergency security improvements at most of the nation's 260 embassies and consulates worldwide, a down payment on protecting U.S. missions against terrorism.

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That money, about twice the amount Congress has appropriated for diplomatic security since 1985, reflects the adnitristration's conclusion that no couniry can be considered safe for U.S. diplomats following the fatal bombings in East Africa last month.

But the request is far below the full amount the State Department has said is of diplomatic missions. needed to modify or build embassies meeting the security standards estab-lished in the 1980s. In 1985, the department put the cost of converting or replacing all embassies at \$3.5 billion.

In his speech at the United Nations on Monday, President Bill Clinton spoke briefly of the new financing, saying that

lion would go toward building em-Salaam, Tanzania, to replace those decause the construction could take two to three years, the money would also fi-

nance temporary missions.

Also, \$1.2 billion was carmarked for emergency security improvements in embassies worldwide, including additional security guards, video cameras and other equipment to enhance secu-rity, particularly around the perimeters

Correction

in some editions of Tuesday's paper, the continuation of a front-page article on Prime Minister Keizo Ohuchi of Japan did not appear. The full version of the article, headlined "Japan's Leader improve security, to expand the world- Spreads Blame For Bank Crisis," apwide fight against terrorism, to help our pears on the Internet at www.ilu.com.

wounds they have suffered."

Of the \$1.8 billion request, which the White House is expected to send to Congress on Tuesday, about \$200 million would go toward hailding with the bombings in East Africa; increasing Secret Service protection of traveline U.S. providing new anti-terrorism programs bassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es in countries where the United States has diplomatic missions; and giving disaster molished in the Aug. 7 bombings. Be- relief for Kenya and Tanzania, including payments to families of those killed in

'If we can keep big bombs from entering inside our compounds and em-bassies, we'll reduce the risk of carastrophic collapses of buildings," said an administration diplomatic security official. Lawmakers are expected to approve the request, haif the sum that the administration had originally suggested

it would seek. Congressional aides said the proposed upgrades are likely to fall short of the recommended security standards the State Department set in the mid-1980s.

A senior Honse Republican aide said we need better and timely intelligence" on terrorists like those believed to be associated with Osama bin Laden, the exiled Saudi accused of orcbestrating the embassy bombings.

TRAVEL UPDATE U.K. to Move Road

From Stonehenge Site

LONDON (AP) - The British government said Tuesday that it planned to move a busy road away from Stotte-henge, distancing the mysterious 5,000year-old site from "its surrounding pollution and clutter."

The plan included a two-kilometer tunnel, hypass and a visitors center for the famous site in Wiltshire.

Greek Airport Strike

ATHENS (Reuters) - Greek airport workers have called a four-day strike starting Thursday, which is expected to cancel or delay bundreds of flights.

"There will be many problems in all airports," an aviation official said Tuesday. "The skeleton staff will be able to handle only a very small number of flights each day."

The Seychelles government bas shelved a proposed \$100 arrival fee that would have taken effect in Jann-

A powerful typhoon hit southwestern Japan, grounding domestic flights and disrupting train service.

Skymark Airlines Co., the first Japanese airline to begin operations in 35 years, said its flights left on time Tuesday fallowing three days of delays in which some 5,500 passengers were affected (Bloomberg)

Northwest Airlines was back at full operation following settlement of a 15day pilots strike

Texan, Linked to bin Laden, Is Charged With Lying to Jury

By Michael Grunwald

n indicted for allegedly lying to Manhattan grand jury investigating the suspected international terrorist Osama bin Laden, and the indictment revealed that prosecutors are investigating wbether the man tried to help Mr. bin Laden procure chemical weapons.

Wadih Hage, a U.S. citizen who once served as Mr. bin Laden's personal secretary in Sudan, was charged with eight counts of perjury for lying during two grand jury appearances about members of Qaida, Mr. bin Laden's worldwide network of Islamic radicals. Mr. Hage had been arrested last week and charged with three counts of making false statements to the FBI, and sources say be remains a prime suspect in last month's deadly bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

In the indictment Monday of Mr. Hage, prosecutors provided a wealth of new details about the two-year-old grand jury investigation of "the structure and operational status" of Mr. bin Laden's organization. The grand jury bas returned a sealed indictment charging Mr. hin Laden with terrorist activities and now has expanded it to include the Aug. 7 embassy bombings.
For example, the indictment names

20 countries where Qaida is allegedly operating, including the United States, and reveals that the grand jury is trying to determine the "identities, code names, aliases and whereabouts of any

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Qaida members and associates."
The indictment also indicates that

Mr. Hage, an unassuming man with a. NEW YORK - A Texas man has bushy beard who was working most tire store, is under investigation for "the extent to which [his] international travels concerned efforts to procure chemical weapons and their components on behalf of Osama bin Laden. The grand jury also is examining the extent of his alleged role "in the provision of logistical support and training, to the persons who attacked the United States and United Nations forces in Somalia in 1993 and the early part of

Shortly after the embassy bombings, U.S. cruise missiles flattened a Sudanese pharmaceutical plant that was suspected of producing chemical weapons components for Mr. hin Laden. The United States also fired missiles at suspected Qaida training camps in Afghanistan.

■ Suspect Held in Germany

A suspect arrested in Germany in connection with last month's U.S. Embassy bombings in Africa will be held in Munich until he can be extradited to the United States, according to a court war rant issued Tuesday. The Associated Press reported from Munich. The United States has 40 days to

complete extradition proceedings for the suspect, whom German officials identified as Marndouh Mahmoud Salim. The German Justice Ministry must approve the extradition.

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A Memorial service for Pierce J. Gerety, Jr., will be held on Smarday. September 26, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of his mother. 1133 Cedar Road. Southport. Connecticus. A reception will follow may be made to the Pierce Gerer Memorial Fund at New York Community Trust 2 Park Ave., NY, NY 10016 USA.

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The Lewinsky Testimony / Afterward, Jurors Tried to Comfort Her

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may not like Monica Lewinsky, and a recent poll showed that only 5 percent of Americans held a favorable view of her. But grand jutors obviously did, urging her to forgive herself, forget Linda Tripp, who taped her confession of the affair, with President Bill Clintoo, and get on with her life during a court appearance that often seemed more like a counseling session.

When she was first asked about sex with the president, Ms. Lewinsky—who asked the grand jury to call her Monica—was so embarrassed that she had to close her eyes and force herself to answer the question.

And with prosecutors pressing her to specify what body parts went where, grand jurors seemed to become more and more sympathetic.

Near the end of her testimony on Aug. 20. a juror asked her if there was anything she wanted to add.

Ms. Lewinsky defended the president while offering a hlanker apology for her own behavior. "I would just like to say that no one ever asked me to lie and I was never promised a job for my si-Alence. And that I'm sorry. I'm really sorry for everything that's happened. And I hate Linda Tripp," she said, and began to cry.

Several grand jurors tried to comfort

One told her, "We've all fallen short. We sin every day. I don't care whether it's murder, whether it's affairs or whatever. And we get over that, You ask forgiveness and you go on. So to let you know from here, you have my forgiveoess. Because we all fall short.

Several others agreed. One advised her to let go of her feelings for Ms. Tripp, saying, "Whatever goes around comes around." Again, others chimed in. with "It comes around" and "It

Just before she was excused from the grand jury, the foreman told her, "Basically what we wanted to leave with, because this will probably be your last visit to us. I hope I'm not going to have to do this any more and I hope you won't have to come here any more, but we wanted to offer you a bouquet of good wishes that includes luck, success, hapviness and blessings.

She again hurst into tears and responded in kind: "I appreciate all of and your ability to open your heart and - as the result of a bad-hair day.

presented Ms. Lewinsky in terms that make it easy to see why the grand jury responded the way they did.

She is shown surrounded by federal agents in January at the Ritz Carlton Hotel and herated by assistants to the independent counsel. Kenneth Starr, who, wanted her to testify against the president. They threatened her with jail and made fun of her for wanting her

She had enough presence of mind to respond to the surprise appearance of Mr. Starr's team with legal questions: If the Paula Jones sexual harassment suit went away, would she still be in legal jeopardy? What if, theoretically speak-ing, she had not always told Ms. Tripp the truth? She also thought to question the choice of her father's friend and lawyer Bill Ginshurg as her attorney, worrying because he was a medical malpractice lawyer inexperienced in criminal cases.

Still, when her mother, Marcia Lewis, finally did arrive, she was clearly worried sick for her daughter, telling the Start team that Ms. Lewinsky had been suicidal six years earlier and was young for her age. Ms. Lewinsky later said she had been on anti-depressants since early

In all of her grand jury testimony, Ms. Lewinsky comes across as unfailingly loyal to the president, calling him her sexual soulmate" and saying of the affair. "I think back on it, and he always made me smile when I was with him. He was sunshine."

And she defended the president in a number of ways, insisting, for example, that he would never have had sex in the Oval Office itself. Asked whether the president said she

should deny a relationship, she answered, I think I always offered that." She is hard on herself in many ways, taking responsibility for hectoring Mr.

Clinton to get her a job.

She does defend herself on such subjects as why she kept the blue dress stained with the president's semen, Ms. Tripp, she said, suggested that she keep it as evidence. And when Ms. Lewinsky refused, Ms. Tripp told her she looked fat in it, so she never wore it again and did not get around to having it cleaned.

She also said that she wore "the infamous beret" - in which she appeared with Mr. Clinton in a film clip since your understanding for this situation shown thousands of times oo television

Aug. 6, prosecutors were much more of what occurred between the president and Ms. Lewinsky. By the Aug. 20 appearance, however, when prosecutors were obviously matching Ms. Lewinsky's responses to the president's grand jury testimony in an attempt to prove perjury, they were asking such questions Were there times when the president would touch you either oo the breasts or in the genital area directly to the skin or was it always through clothing?"

The grand jurors seemed more interested in understanding Ms. Lewinsky's motivations. One asked, "Was it love or sexual obsession?" She answered that it was both, but "more love."

Another asked if she had truly be-lieved "anything real could have come from this relationship?" Yes, she said. And when she grew embarrassed, they were sorry for her. One suggested that she try closing her eyes again, and another said. "We won't look at yon."



In a photograph in the Starr report, Monica Lewinsky and President Clinton posing in the White House in 1995.

Starr Report Said to Twist Lewinsky Testimony

By David E. Rosenbaum
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Monica Lewinsky told federal grand jurors that "no one ever asked me to lie, and I was never promised a job for my silence." according to the transcript of her testimony.

Other evidence that might be exculpatory to President Bill Clinton, including testimony from his friend Vernon Jordan, his secretary, Betty Currie, and the deputy White Honse counsel, Bruce Lindsey, is still in boxes in a House of Representatives office huilding and has not been made public.

"Given what's there in the Lewinsky testimony, we can't wait to get our hands on the other witness testimony," said a lawyer close to the Clinton defense team. "Much of what she says is quite helpful."

The lawyer said that the evidence made public on Monday offered the best examples of how the report that Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, sent to Congress was "not a fair summary of the evidence."

Ms. Lewinsky's statemeot that she had never been encouraged to lie about her relationship with the president --- repeated several times in different forms in her three days of grand jury testimony - does not appear in the text of Mr. Starr's report,

The statement cootradicts two of the charges that Mr. Starr said could amount to impeachable of-

One charge was that the president and Ms. Lewinsky had an understanding they would lie about their relationship under oath in the Paula Jooes lawsuit.

Another charge was that the president had obstructed justice by helping Ms. Lewinsky find a joh in New York, as a way to dissuade her from testifying

Rather than quote Ms. Lewinsky's direct statement that she had never been asked to lie, Mr. Starr characterized her testimony this way: "Ms. Lewinsky has stated that the president never explicitly told her to lie. Instead, as she explained, they both understood from their conversations that they would continue their pattern of covering up and lying about the relation-

Another part of Ms. Lewinsky's testimony that could be to Mr. Clinton's advantage was her remark that she had told Linda Tripp, one of Mr. Starr's main witnesses, "a whole hunch of lies," although she did not know that Ms. Tripp was secretly recording their conversations.

Amoog those falsehoods, Ms. Lewinsky testified, was her statement to Ms. Tripp that she had told Mr. Jordan she would not sign an affidavit denying a sexual relacionship with the president until Mr. Jordan had found her a job.

Her testimony that this was not true could be important because it explodes a central rationale Mr. Starr used to convince Attorney General Janet Reno that he should become involved in the Lewinsky investigation in the first place.

Mr. Starr told Ms. Reno at the time that evidence Mr. Jordan was helping Ms. Lewinsky find a joh to keep her quiet fit a pattero that he was investigating in other Whitewater witnesses, particularly Mr. Jordan's

assistance to Wehster Hubbell, a Clinton friend from their days in Arkansas.

Ms. Lewinsky's testimony corroborates Mr.

Jordan's public statements that he never asked for anything in return for belping her find a job.

At other points in response to questions from the prosecutors, Ms. Lewinsky testified that Mr. Clinton had never sold her to get rid of presents he gave her or instructed her to delete incriminating material from her home computer.

But more useful, according to the lawyers close to the Clinton defense, is Ms. Lewinsky's description of the aggressive way she was treated when she was first approached by Mr. Starr's investigators. She was treated like a drug kingpin and not a young woman, one lawyer said, huttressing the Clinton assertion that Mr. Start and his associates are zealots out of con-

After they swooped down on her in January at a hotel bar where she was meeting with Mrs. Tripp, Ms. Lewinsky said, the investigators in effect terrorized her, and they advised her not to call her lawyer.

When she wanted to call her mother, she testified, Jackie Bennett, a Starr deputy, told her, "You're 24, you're smart, you're old enough, you don't need to call your mommy."

Ms. Lewinsky said the investigators threatened to

prosecute her mother unless she agreed to make surreptitious recordings of conversations with Mr. Jordan, the president's secretary and "maybe the president," she could be imprisoned for 27 years. "It was so incredibly frightening," Ms. Lewinsky said.

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POLITICAL NOTES

NBC Clips Part of Tape, But the Others Don't

ton's testimony about Monica Lewinsky. NBC blinked. Two top executive producers. called Tom Brokaw from the master control room and said the network would cut away from one of the most sexually explicit parts of the testimony.

Around the same time, the president of CBS News, Andrew Heyward, walked out of the network's control room on Manhattan's West Side to the set where Dan Rather was anchoring. Mr. Heyward, who had already skimmed the transcript, said he wanted to leave in the most graphic portions, and Mr. Rather agreed.

A few blocks away, Shelhy Coffey 3d, ABC's executive vice president, sat in a small third-floor edit room with his thumb on a switch in case the network needed to break away immediately.

NBC switched to its talking heads as a prosecutor asked the president about the use of "an object" during sexual activity. NBC cut away again a few minutes later when Mr. Clinton was asked about a cigar, mas-

No hear all of the very vivid descriptions," Mr. Brokaw told viewers. But six other networks - CBS, ABC, CNN, Fox News Channel, C-SPAN and NBC's cable oudet. MSNBC — stayed with the videotape.

During the broadcast, the NBC News

president. Andrew Lack, and vice president. Bill Wheatley, decided to break away when the testimony "went over the line."
"Mr. Wheatley said. "We were mindful of

the fact that despite the warnings, some viewers still might be deeply offended, and there might be unsupervised children."
But MSNBC, he said, "has a far different

audience profile - for example, children WASHINGTON — About 90 minutes don't watch." The ABC News president into the broadcast of President Bill Clin- David Westin, said he stayed with the testimony because 'as much as something like this could be, it was portrayed in pretty clinical language.'

"Viewers know by now that the Starr investigation is replete with very graphic sexual content," said Mr. Heyward of CBS.

"You can instify bending the usual rules." ABC and CBS both carried the four-hour

Blumenthal Denies It

videotape in its entirety. (WP)

WASHINGTON - Sidney Blumenthal has challenged any journalist with whom he had confidential dealings to blow the whistle on him. Feeling unfairly smeared on charges of technical that it is a smeared on the smeared on t charges of teaking the tale of Representative Henry Hyde's 1960s affair, the White House aide wants to prove that he had no part in the story reported by Salon magazine.
His lawyer, William McDaniel, said that

any reporter who says Mr. Blumeothal whispered about Mr. Hyde's sex life is turbation and phnne sex.

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Boh Dole, the former presidential candidate, on President Clinion's grand jury videotape: "People who are opposed to him are going to stay that way, people who are for him probably feel good about it and the others are still sick of it all." (Remers)

Away From Politics

 A jury in Hillsborough, North Car-ulina decided that a psychiatrist had been negligent in his treatment of a former law student who killed two people during a 1995 shooting spree. Wendell Williamson was awarded \$500,000 in his civil tawsuit against his former psychiatrist, Myron Lipt-

a killing. In the new case, Christopher who the police said was Mr. MacGuigan's ation project began in 1995.

girlfrieod. The FBI refused to offer a motive for the killing, and the U.S. attorney's office in Wilmington, Delaware, declined to comment on the case.

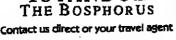
· A fire broke out at the Old State House in Little Rock, Arkansas, where Bill Clinton held election and re-election victory parties in 1992 and 1996. The fire • For the second time in two years, a started when workers using a torch to re-• For the second time in two years in move paint from gutters sparked a fire in the building's attic. Cathie Matthews, director Moseley, the stepfather of a du Pont heir, of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, Dean MacGuigan, was accused last week of said a damage estimate had not been set. arranging the killing of Patricia Margello. The huilding has been closed since a renov-

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Enough! Say Global Media of the Clinton Case

around the globe many observers - not all of them admirers - expressed dismay that the president of the United States should have to suffer ritual humiliation on television. From Europe to Asia and

the Middle East, people decried what they saw as an erosion of standards protecting privacy and keeping ex-plicit sexuality out of the mainstream media.

groping investigation into a pathetic and tacky affair defies belief," wrote Polly Toynbee in the Guardian newspaper in England. Ulf Andenaes, a commentator on Oslo's Aftenposten, attacked Mr. Clinton's ac-

cusers, saying that they "must be blind to how this affair is discrediting the United States abroad." Callers to Bucharest's Pro TV compared Mr. Clinton's ordeal to trials under the

former Communist regime, where people were "put in a corner, judged and punished. in most cases without being guilty," said lonela Banares-

cu, a producer at the statioo. of economic uncertainty?"

cast of his four hours of testimony. Many television stations continued running

joicing" ran the headline in a Palestinian daily, Al Ayyam. cit sexuality out of the The newspaper quoted a polit-instream media. The newspaper quoted a polit-ical analyst, Ghassan Khatib, "The disproportion of this as having said that Palestinians feel Mr. Clinton is too pro-Israel, "and so that is why they watched to see his face and body movement that revealed his uncomfortable

> Clinton had been damaged. tape he was what he has been for them for six years: a good president but a mediocre man, husband and father," said La

But some feared that his credibility - and that of his government - had been

past, painful moments under Communism. But his political opponents exulted at Monday's broad-

excerpts Tuesday. "Palestinians follow details with a sense of re-

situation." Few commentators felt Mr. "For those who viewed the

Republica, the Rome daily.

"Is Clinton in condition to

govern the world in this time tough on its leader as the

The Norwegian newspaper Dagsavisen said that recent events "have to a large extent paralyzed the United States' ability to lead in a turbulent world."

But for Thais, the president's ordeal proved "the strength and resilience of the American political culture, said a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Kobsak Chutikul.

One cannot imagine the leader of any other country being put through such an ordeal in a public and transparent manner," he said.
"Rather than seeing this as a weakness or losing respect, one can see it as a demonstration of American inner strength — that no one is above the law."

In Iran, the media were hlamed. "Whether one is for or against President Bill Clinton, the U.S. media have demonstrated their lack of taste and discretion," the Iran News said.

■ In Sihanouk's View If every country was as

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saying on Tuesday.
The constitutional monarch, a self-confessed playlightened the mood during a hreak in crisis talks between Cambodia's rival political parties by steering the con-

would not happen in Asia." Mr. Sam Rainsy said. "He said that if every country was boy in his younger days, as tough with its leader as the States, then there would be no head of state in any country. "We all laughed, of

course.

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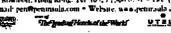
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In Tape of Grand Jury Testimony, Clinton Shows His Many Faces

By Todd S. Purdum

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton has always loved nothing better than a tough audience and, in the end, that is how he treated Kenneth Starr's grand jury, starting shakily, then warming to his task, unspooling every thread of wounded dignity, controlled anger and confident elaboration at his command in a performance filled with trademark touches.

Like the lawyer he is, Mr. Clinton complained about trick questions but sometimes finagled. Like the politician he is, he filibustered, holding down the score and running out the clock. Like the fighter be is, he tossed off veiled insults and condescending putdowns. Like the pedagogue he is, he lectured. Like the scarred, tired, defensive man he has become, he sometimes bridled and sometimes just seemed to sag.

minutes of his ordeal in the Map Room on the afternoon of Aug. 17 did Mr. Clinton display any emotion rawer than the anger he unleashed in his televised speech to America that night.

instead, in muted and mournful tones in supposedly secret testimony that he made clear he knew would become public. Mr. Clinton actually said, "I'm sorry," for misleading his senior aides about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky - two words that it took him 18 more days to utter in public.

"They may have been misleading," Mr. Clinton said of his initial denials to his aides. "And if they were. I have to take responsibility for it, and I'm sorry.

On the other hand, Mr. Clinton also said, "I'm sorry to say for reasons I don't entirely rehe once asked his secretary, Betty Currie, to wait in the dining room off his private like a blanket from Radio City Music Hall -

Yet nowhere in the four hours and three study while he talked to Ms. Lewinsky. Mrs. Currie testified that she waited on a night when the president and Ms. Lewinsky were in the study, a night when Ms. Lewinsky says they had the fateful encounter that stained her dress.

In sum, most of the Bill Clintons the world has come to know make at least a cameo appearance in this record that the president himself at one point ruefully acknowledges "will he forever in the historic annals of the United States. With unsparing clarity, the videotape captures

Mr. Clinton the shameless charmer, acknowledging that prosecutors could be forgiven for thinking that the president must have acute recall about such "embarrassing and personally painful" events, and wishing that he had more time to take grand jurors' questions.

It also shows Mr. Clinton the cheapskate. confessing that gifts he gave Ms. Lewinsky - were meaningless leftovers he had received as gifts from others.

There is the empathetic son of a violent, broken home, who says that Ms. Lewinsky is "a good young woman with a good heart and a good mind," who is "burdened by some unfortunate

conditions of her, her appringing."

In the next breath, there is the gimlet-eyed appraiser of human motivation who says he had no doubt that once their sexual interaction was over. Ms. Lewinsky would not be able to help talking about it, because "it was a part of her psyche."

There is the quibbler who argues about the meaning of the words "is" and "truth," who draws distinctions about whether somebody told him something on the phone or in a meeting, who describes his conduct with Ms. Lewinsky by directly acknowledging only which acts he had not performed, who contends that he was trying to keep his aides "out of trouble" hy telling them

untruths. And there is the sheepish cookie-thief caught red-handed who, when asked to describe how Ms. Lewinsky's dress might have been stained, says, smiling faintly: "You know what the facts are; there's no point in a hypothetical."

Mr. Clinton's aides have long known that he makes his worst speeches early in the day, and as he began his testimony at 1:03 P.M., Mr. Clinton seemed groggy and feeling his way. As he unfolded a piece of paper and slowly read his hlanket statement acknowledging "inappropriate intimate contact" with Ms. Lewinsky, peering over half-glasses, he looked ashen, crumpled, flat.

But as he took the measure of his interrogators, Mr. Clinton's confidence grew. As they pressed for graphic details about sexual acts, his anger grew too, though its visible, audible manifestations were confined to a flexed jaw, a jabbed finger, a spit-out "sir," a lerse and husky proclamation that he "deplored" what Paula Jones' lawyers were doing in their sexual misconduct lawsuit against him.

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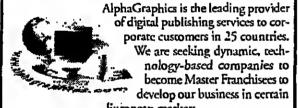
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old attorney and resident in Fort Lauder-dale, Horida: Kenneth R. Lagonia, ege-unknown, a resident of Bohemia, New-York; Saint El Hage, age-unknown, test known to reside in Paris, France' H.D. inc. a New Jersey corporation, St. Barth Limited, a Bahamian company; Esstand Américan Bank Limited, a Bahamian company; Foreign Trade Bank, a Lebe-ness comment, and Metch Insurance and

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The defendants merketed the Investment plan to all least three Investors whose funds were misappropriated, Defendants Stavent and Madden explained the investment program to the Investors. Stemant represented that he would, through H.D. Inc. and St. Beath, trade prime bank instruments, including notes, letters of credit, and guerantees, on behalf of the investors. Defendants Goateb and Lancier numbered in arrange for a few tables. mestors. Defendants Goglieth and La-gonia purported to arrange, for a fee, the credit facilities necessary to trade the prime bank instruments. Defendant El Hage—acting on behalf of defendants Eastland, Foreign Trade Bank, and Micos supposedly established the requisition rand facilities. These supposed investi-ments, however, did not exist, and defen-dants made numerous material misrepre-sentations and omissions in connection with the clief and safe of the sendite.

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In a Seattle Retirement Home, Clinton Arouses Sorrow and a Little Respect

By Sam Howe Verhovek

SEATTLE - Margaret Watkins, 78, does not like Bill Clinton, never voted for him and is angry that the leader of the free world "basically let his libido get the best of him."

And yet, as she sat transfixed before the television Monday morning, Mrs. Warkins found herself doing something she had never done before in her life: She was cheering Mr. Clinton on.

"I can't believe the way they keep boring in on the man with all these crazy questions," she said after Mr. Clinton, for roughly the eighth time,

Another theme, even as many residents mixed they found the testimony to be riveti parried a question from prosecutors about whether he had received oral sex from Monica Lewinsky. "I don't know bow he's standing up under being put through the spectacle.

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all this pressure, but be does it. He must have nerves of steel. It's amazing.
"And you know," Mrs. Watkins said with a

him, but I'll say this for him: He doesn't crack. We do need that in our president.

As residents of the Ida Culver House, a retirement home in Seattle's Ravenna neighborliving room and watched the president's videotaped grand jury testimony, a grudging respect

Another theme, even as many residents admitted they found the testimony to be riveting,. was a clear sense of sadness that the country was

"We live in a different world these days, I the room after watching for a few moments. "I nothing to do with his job," Mr. Laurine said. guess," said Nancy Cadley, 77, a retired nurse think he's a — well, I can't say it. He's a dirty rat. "This is just wrong." who served in a medical unit in World War II and rueful chuekle, "you do need someone as president who can withstand the pressure. I don't like ident Roosevelt being persecuted like that, getting asked questions about his sex life? I can't imagine that. It's unimaginable.

Ms. Cadley spent most of the morning just outside the room, picking flowers for table hood, gathered around a television in the home's centerpieces, but even she could not resist peeking in to watch the president.

There were certainly a few residents who disliked Mr. Clinton so much they were glad to see him on the grill.

"Reap what you sow," said a woman who spoke on condition that only her first name, Elizabeth, be revealed and who stormed out of

He lies, be lies, he lies. But among those who stayed, a much more

common sentiment was anger at the prosecutors. 'This whole thing is a ploy," said Robert Kleitsch, 84, a retired government lawyer. "li's a fraud. These people are using our judicial system to try to get rid of a political opponent, in my opinion, and that's a very bad thing for our country, for our whole system. A very troubling thing."

Howard Laurine, 85, a retired metallurgist who was visibly angry, said afterward that he believed prosecutors were crucifying the president and he was infuriated that they were using his tax money to do so.

"I know he sinned and everything, but this has he will get it."

Douglas Stockdale, a retired airline executive. said: "Would you listen to these questions? They're going into an awful lot of silly details. I think it's a disgraceful display of bad taste. This man is the president of the United States.'

Claire Freiheit, 82, a retired registered nurse, is a proud Republican who never voted for Mr. Clinion. As she watched Monday morning. though, she forgot all about politics and simply wondered about the man.

Being a nurse, I feet for him," Mrs. Freiheit said. "I think he has a problem and he needs something, but I don't know exactly what. He needs a lot of love, but I don't know where

Lewinsky's Gifts: The Ties That Bind

By Charles R. Babcock

WASHINGTON - To Monica Lewinsky, who loved ties since she worked at a men's necktie store in college, the six sbe gave President Bill Clinion as gifts were precious reminders of their time together.

'Almost all our conversations included something about my ties," she testified to the grand jury. "I used to bug him about wearing one of my ties because then I knew I was close to his

To Bill Clinton, ties were such a common gift from friends and acquaintances that be had a closet full of

He said in his grand jury testimony that he recycled some of them, offering them as gifts to elevator and kitchen workers at the White House.

To prosecutors in Kenneth Starr's office, Ms. Lewinsky's gifts of ties to the president seemed to be of enormous interest, both in documenting the mu-

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reveal several points of deception, in its totality it came to be seen not so much as

evidence of Mr. Clinton's duplicity as an

eloquent expression of angst and un-

certainty by a young man struggling to

find the right thing to do under difficult

In similar fashion, the grand jury

a close reading of the transcript could

publican operative viewing the video-

'My God, I can't believe it, it's the

draft letter all over again," said this

consultant, who had been a campaigo

aide to President George Bush six years ago when the letter surfaced.

Clinton making "reasonable explana-

tions" for everything he had said and

done, this consultant concluded, but the

close-camera cinematic style of the

videotape only elicited sympathy.

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age," he explained at one point.

Not only did the videotape show Mr.

insky.

The evidence made public by Congress on Monday includes pictures of the president wearing a tie Ms. Lewinsky gave him and a note he sent in September 1996 thanking her for a birthday tie.

'I appreciate your continued thoughtfulness and generosity," it said. "Hillary and I send our best wishes.

In her testimony, Ms. Lewinsky re-called that Mr. Clinton wore one par-ticular yellow gift tie several times.

when she saw a White House steward, tual exchanges of gifts and in trying to Bayani Nelvis, wearing a tie she gave

determine whether the president was using the ties to try to signal Ms. Lew-thoughts," she replied. "My first thoughts," she replied. "My first thought was, 'You jerk, you're trying to show me bow little you care about me and bow little this meant to you by giving it - to show me that you gave it to someone else, it meant so little to you now.

'And my second thought was that it was some sort of message of some sorts. I don't know what."

During his videotaped testimony, the president rejected a prosecutor's suggestion that begave Mr. Nelvis that particular tie by design.

Ms. Lewinsky told the grand jury

that picking ont ties was "a big thing for me ... and I liked to give him ties and I liked to see him wearing them." In fact, a memo of a prosecutor's interview with her dated Aug. 11 spent nearly two pages describing in detail the six ties she gave the president and

the times she saw him wearing them. On one occasion during the 1996 campaign she recalled yelling to the president at a rally, "Hey, handsome, I



In a photo from the Starr report, the president shows off a gift necktie with a note: "To Monica — Thanks" for the nice tie. Bill Clinton."

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House would vote articles of impeach. ment and send the matter to the Senate for a trial.

"As a member of the U.S. Senate, I'm a potential juror in this case," said Mr. Torricelli, long a Clinton defender. 'Whatever affections I've beld for Bill Clinton are entirely eclipsed by my sense

of responsibility. Mr. McCurry did not rule out the possibility that Mr. Clinton might agree to appear before legislators to answer questions about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, the former White House intern with whom he had an af-

But be sharply criticized the process that has led to the release of the videotape and other evidence. Mr. McCurry said the broadcast of the videotape on Monday bad made it "abundantly clear," in the White House view, "bow grossly unfair the Starr report was in presenting a very one-sided account of the evidence the Office of the Inde-

pendent Counsel had collected." He said that the president's legal advisers were drafting a letter to the office of Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, to complain that while be "found room for bundreds and hundreds of salacious details" in his thick referral to the House, he "didn't find room for one sentence from the testimony of Monica Lewinsky: 'I would just like to say that no one asked me to lie and I was never promised a job for my silence."

Mr. McCurry called the omission "a grievous wrong for the president."
The White House communications di-

rector, Ann Lewis, said on television that the prosecutors' tough questioning of Mr. Clinton about his sexual conduct 'confirmed for us' that sex "really has become the focus on this independent counsel's report.

"It does not come close to constiruting the grounds for removal of a pres-

ident from office," she said.
The Judiciary Committee faces a deadline of next Monday, imposed by vote of the full House, to decide whether to make public 16 additional boxes of evidence from Mr. Starr.

So far the committee, which is dominated by Republicans, has made public most of the evidence it has considered,

after making some 120 deletions. It is also considering making public a videotape of Mr. Clinton's deposition in January before lawyers in the Paula

Jones sexual harassment case. Representative Canady said he ex-

pected the panel to make public "any relevant portions of the video, if it deals with the Lewinsky matter."

That tape would allow the public to compare Mr. Clinton's original denials of a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky to his explanations Aug. 17 before the grand jury.

Republican members are believed to

be proceeding with work on a draft of a resolution calling for an inquiry.

Meanwhile, Senator Trem Lott of Mississippi, the Republican leader in the Senate, joined calls for Mr. Clinton to appear on Capinl Hitl 10 answer legislators' questions.

"Any time the president comes forward and comes clean in a formal setting," Mr. Lott said, "it would probably be a positive development."

White House aides indicated that such an appearance could be arranged only as part of an agreement by legislators to punish the president — there has been talk of a financial penalty — and to drop possible impeachment bearings and declare an end to the crisis that has hung over Mr. Clinton since January. It is a formula that for now appears unlikely to be accepted.

The angry bipartisanship that has characterized Judiciary Committee debates in the matter make a negotiated solution appear unlikely, at least in the short term.

The minority Democrats have accused the Republicans of forcing their will on the panel to make public masses of information intended to fuel public anger with the president.

House leaders from both parties and senior Republicans and Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee were to meet Wednesday moming in an effort to salvage something of their earlier declaration that the Ctinton matter would be handled with bipartisan dispassion.

The meeting was called by the House speaker, Representative Newt Gingrich,

Republican of Georgia.
Representative Lamar Smith, Republican of Texas, a member of the Judiciary Committee, said the panel was likely to send to the full House a resolution authorizing an impeachment inquiry. So did Representative Jerrold Nadler, Democrat of New York, another

committee member. They and others, however, predicted a fierce partisan debate before the resolution is reported out.

Some members told the congressional journal Roll Call that some Democrats on the commince were likely to vote to open an inquiry.

The Judiciary Comminee would probably conduct its investigation, and possibly hold public hearings, through October, continuing its work after the Nov. 3 midterm elections, according to Roll Call.

An opinion poll made pubic Tuesday by CNN and USA Today showed Mr. Clinton's job approval rating at 66 percent after the broadcast Monday of his

grand jury testimony.

That was 6 percentage points higher than a week earlier, and White House aides said it confirmed their feeling that the public was tired of the scandal and wanted Mr. Clinton to be able to return his full attention to the nation's business.

While such instant polls are often considered unreliable indicators of longer trends, the CNN poll was largely confirmed by instant polling by other television networks, which gave Mr. Clinton the same 60-percent-plus approval rating he has had for months. Those favoring impeachment and re-

moval from office fell to 32 percent, from 35 percent. But Mr. Canady said, "If the pres-

ident lied under oath before the grand jury, that is an impeacbable offense.

In a handwritten note, Mr. Clinton added: "The tie is really beautiful."

She said she thought he might wear it before her grand jury appearance "be-cause I thought he's just the kind of person that's going to wear this tie to tug on my emotional strings one last time before I go to the grand jury and say this under oath. And he didn't."

A grand juror asked bow she felt

TAPE: Ultimate Survivor Catches a Break?

During another exchange, rurning to another violent metaphor, he said be was

out violating any laws. He viewed the Jones deposition as "a gotcha game," he said, and in response decided that his goal should be "to be truthful" but "oot particularly helpful." He tried to turn the issue of eva-

"determined to walk through the mine-

field" his enemies bad set for him with-

videotape might have backfired. Even if siveness on its head. His careful answers - such as claiming that be could accurately deny an affair with Monica Lewinsky if he was talking in the present reveal points where the president was not telling the truth, in its totality it made Mr. Clinton again appear to be a rea-sonable man struggling to survive in a were nothing more than an effort to

difficult situation brought on by his escape the equally manipulative word political enemies.

This historic parallel was the first thing that came to the mind of one Requestions!" he once declared with a tone of self-righteousness.

Whether the grand jury videotape proves to be a long-term boon to the president is still uncertain, of course, but it served at least one positive purpose on the first day: boosting morale among Mr. Clinton's harried supporters and, for his new line of defense.



perhaps the first time, clearly defining Prime Minister Tony Blair sharing a few words with President Bill Clinton at a conference on world democracy at New York University.

INQUIRY: Smoking Gun or Popgun? Viewers Saw What They Were Predisposed to See

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"Even I felt for him," the consultant acknowledged. "It was like the much of his energy attacking Mr. Starr, What the world saw was the full Clinand he all but ignored Ms. Lewinsky, the young woman with whom be acknowlion. He was not just the character that his cnemies sought to portray; an angry man edged an "inappropriate" relationship. trapped by his adversaries, a conjurer of But in the testimony, recorded earlier, be semantic legerdemain trying to slip-side gave fuller and more convincing voice 10 his regrets, spoke fondly of Ms. Lew-insky and largely refrained from attack-That could help on Capitol Hill. But out of testimony in which he may have insky and largely refrained from attack-

Instead, he was the protean president ing the costly Starr investigation. of many personalities — subdued and angry, humiliated and proud, evasive So great is the discrepancy that it raises the question: Why did Mr. Clinton and persuasive - at once reminding the choose not to make a speech that echoed. nation why he gets into trouble and also the far more winning tone of his testimony? Had be done so, he might well why he so often gets out of it, balancing trains that lend to exasperate his critics have put the wbole matter to rest, as even with rhetorical skills that make him, amid all his troubles, a sympathetic figup to the speech.

Perhaps the least "presidential" aspect of the testimony was Mr. Clinton's Mr. Clinion went to his sworn derigorously legalistic answers — his reposition in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case with a state of mind that her lentless, at times almost ludicrous, insistence upon defining everyday words lawyers were "taking a wrecking ball to me to see if they could do some damin the narrowest possible way, to his own advantage. He applied that technique to

Capitol Hill.

Perhaps the best news for the president was Ms. Lewinsky's statement, in supporting documents issued by Mr. Starr's office Monday, that no one had told her to lie or offered her a job as an

the votes there are still likely to turn most decisively on the question of whether institution has lost the confidence of a Mr. Clinton committed perjury in the grand jury. In his testimony, Mr. Clinton eming ever more difficult. said that touching Ms. Lewinsky's breasts or genital area directly would constitute "sexual relations" of the kind his political foes said in the days leading be denies having had with her. Her testimony, bowever, includes graphic accounts of several such incidents.

Representative Charles Canaday, Republican of Florida, who sits on the Judiciary Committee, said that he remained convinced that perjury in grand jury testimony remained cause for impeachment, and most of his Republican trends.

words like "sex." of course, but also to colleagues have said the same. Unless "is" and "alone." That could burt on some change their minds, a vote to authorize a full-blown impeachment inquiry seems likely.

Whatever happens after that, the Lewinsky matter has lengthened a trail of sbattered political illusions and frayed political bonds that began, one might say, 35 years ago this fall when John Kennedy was assassinated. Since then, almost every major American political institution has lost the confidence of a

Further assassinations and assassination attempts, the Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal, the Iran-contra affair and innumerable other events have destroyed the largely trusting relationship that once existed between Washington and the rest of the country. Voter participation has dropped and is still drop-ping. Only Ronald Reagan among the last seven presidents, and he only to a limited extent, managed to reverse these

Journalism has lost much of its credibility for concentrating too much, in the view of the rank-and-file, on the negative and the scandalous, notably in the Lewinsky, Whitewater and other Clinton controversies. Congress has been pilloried for putting partisanship before patriotism. The independent counsel statute, passed to insure impartiality in the application of the law to people in high places, has come to be seen as a tonl of inquisition. And the occupants of the presidency

have frittered away the reputation for truth-telling and square-shooting that constituted one of the precious legacies of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The public may still approve of Bill Clinton's performance as president, it may think he should finish his term, but relatively few people any longer admire him or his values. That will inevitably lower expectations about his successors, at a moment when the nation's expectations of government probity are dangerously low already.

2 Marine Pilots Face Court-Martial Britain Seen Easing Quarantine Laws For Conspiracy in Gondola Mishap

By Steve Vogel

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - A top U.S. Marine revigator of a Marine jet that killed 20 people in an Italian gondola accident face court-martial for obstruction of justice in connection with allegations they conspired to destroy a videotape made during the deadly flight last February.

Captain Richard Ashby, the pilot, and Captain Joseph Schweitzer, the navigator, already face court-martial on charges including involuntary manslaughter and negligent homicide in connection with the Feb. 3 accident, in which the EA-6B Prowler they were tlying sliced through the cables holding other details of the flight, and may do so the gondola and sent all the occupants

falling to their deaths. The new charges say that Captain Ashby and Captain Schweitzer conspired to remove and possibly destroy a videotape from a camera that the crew had brought along in the jet on the day of the accident, according to charges filed

by military prosecutors. Attorneys for the two Marine officers waived their right to hold an Article 32 hearing — the equivalent of a grand jury each faces up to life in prison.

- on the obstruction of justice charges. Instead, the defense and prosecution submitted written statements and evidence. Lieutenant General Peter Pace, com-mander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces,

Atlantic, "reviewed all available evidence related to these charges and determined that there is sufficient evidence to warrant trial by general court-martial." according to a statement released Monday by his command.

Had an Article 32 bearing been held, prosecutors were prepared to call a third member of the crew, Captain Chandler Seagraves, who was in the back seat of the aircraft at the time of the accident. Captain Chandler could provide immunized testimony about the missing videotape and during the courts-martial, according to officials with knowledge of the case.

Captaio Seagraves and a fourth crew member, Captain William Raney II, were cleared earlier this year of any criminal wrongdoing in the accident.

Courts-martial on the negligent homicide and involuntary manslaughter charges are scheduled in December for Captain Ashby and January for Captain Schweitzer. If convicted on all charges,

LONDON - Proposals to overturn Britain's stringent anti-rabies quarantine laws for animals and introduce electronic scanners and passports for pets are expected to be announced on Wednesday.

The Agriculture Ministry said a report to be unveiled by Nick Brown, minister for farming, would recommend "the most radical changes to Britain's quarantine laws for almost a century.

The report by an independent group of experts is expected to recommend a partial end to the mandatory six-month quarantine imposed on all animals arriving in Britain, according to press reports. Animals from designated "low

risk" countries would be granted immediate entry after a screen or blood test. Quarantine periods would remain for animals from countries with ra-

Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia. Britain has not had a rabies scare since 1969 and successive governments have argued that the tough quarantine laws have kept the disease out of the country.

bies problems, including some in

EMU: Central Bank Chief Sees Fall in European Interest Rates

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But he said he feared that the movement among the 11 countries adopting the single currency Jan. 1, 1999 would be "a rather forced one, a rather quick

Analysts expect interest rates in the currency zone to settle around the current German rate of 3.3 perceot. Mr. Duisenberg said that because in-

terest rates in Europe were "significantly lower" than in the United States there was neither need nor room for coordinated rate action with Washington. Nor, he said, was he convinced that reducing interest rates was the right way to tackle the global economic crisis.

Without referring directly to the IMF warning, Mr. Duisenberg appeared to agree with at least part of it. He said he wished the European Central Bank had been given greater supervisory powers from the beginning. Mr. Duisenberg said that the crisis in

Russia and recession in Asia would slow down growth in the euro region by 'some percentage points.' The European Commission predicted in March that the economies of the 11 nations would grow by 3.2 percent next

year. A revised estimate from the com-

mission, the executive body of the Euro-

pean Union, is expected next month.

told the parliamentary committee that economic growth in the euro zone was likely to be 2.8 percent next year, about the same as this year. But Mr. de Silguy said the prospect of the euro had turned the currency zone into a "pole of stability" that was drawing in investments from the rest of the world.

The prospect of the single currency, he said, made it unlikely that the EU - and those countries in Eastern and Central Europe that are awaiting membership would be greatly affected by the crises in Asia, Russia and Latin America.

He said that the reduction of public deficits and debts would free up 120 hillion to 150 billion European currency units (\$175.2 million) for investment.

Mr. de Silguy added that volatility on financial markets was out of proportion with economic conditions. But he expressed concern over an 8 percent drop in the value of the dollar against the currencies that will become the euro. He said the dollar's fall was due to political unpectation of a cut in U.S. interest rates.

Figures released Tuesday by Eurostat, the EU's statistical office, showed a slowing of the economy in the single at far too slow a rate to significantly dent currency area, which includes Germany, the employment problems we have."

Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the com-missioner in charge of monetary affairs. France, Italy, Spain, Finland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Austria, Ireland and Portugal. It said the economy in the zone grew by 0.1 percent in the second quarter of this year compared with the first quarter. The increase in the previous quarterly period was 0.6 percent. Eurostat said gross domestic product

in the euro zone increased by 1.8 percent in the second quarter from the comparable quarter a year earlier. Corresponding figures were 2 percent for the 15-nation EU as a whole, 3.6 percent for the United States and negative 1.8 percent for Japan. The president of the European Com-

missioo, Jacques Santer, said that although the euro had insulated its prospective members from currency turbulence, he was concerned that a shortage of venture capital could have a dampening effect on the economy.

"The United States has 5,400 compa-

nies quoted on Nasdaq, capitalized at around \$2 trillion. We only have 170 companies on the EURO-NM and Easdaq markets," he said, referring to stock certainty in the United States, confidence exchanges dedicated to smaller compain the European economies and the exture capital is devoted to start-ups. In Europe barely 10 percent. Although venture capital is developing in the EU, it is

NATO Raises Pressure on Serbs, Dangling Specter of Kosovo Intervention

By Steven Lee Myers New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The United States and NATO allies have stepped up pressure on President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia to end his military crackdown against separatists in

And officials in Washington and Europe warned this week that the worsening plight of refugees in the province was increasing the possibility of NATO intervention.

There is still no agreement on using force, but NATO and U.S. officials said sentiments within the alliance' had clearly shifted in recent weeks.

Defense Secretary William Cohen may press the allies at a NATO defense ministers meeting in Portugal this week to issue an "activation warning," formally advising of the possible execution of NATO contingency plans, Agence France-Presse quoted the Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon as saying.

["We are in favor of having NATO move to the next stage which is the 'activation warning' to come closer to the use of military force if necessary," Mr. Bacon said.1

At the United Nations, Britain and France pushed the Security Council to adopt a resolution calling for a ceasefire in the conflict, which has driven an estimated 250,000 people from their homes in the predominantly ethnic Albanian province.

The draft resolution would invoke the chapter of the UN Charter that makes compliance mandatory, raising the specter of military force, although the resolution does not specifically threaten

Nonetheless, Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain said the international community had to prevent a disaster hy any means necessary.'

Our patience with broken promises and phony assurances is exhausted." Mr. Blair said in a speech Monday to the General Assembly, in which he sharply criticized the Serbian security forces. "Continuation of military repression will inevitably lead to a new kind of

The United States has maintained that NATO does not need authorization from the United Nations to intervene in Yugoslavia, and the White House's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, reiterated that Monday. But administration officials said that the resolution reflected an emerging consensus among the NATO alliance that only military strikes would persuade Mr. Milosevic.

NATO military commanders have already drawn up plans for a range of military strikes, officials said.

The options range from a limited barrage of cruise missiles, like the U.S. attacks in Afghanistan and Sudan last month, to a series of intensifying aerial bombardments that would begin with attacks on military targets in Kosovo and might lead to strikes throughout

Yngoslavia. NATO commanders have informally hegun to ask members what forces they are willing to contribute to a military strike, a U.S. official said.

Although the NATO allies have not vet reached agreement on the use of force, the plans will be a center of debate when Mr. Cohen and other defense ministers from the 16 NATO members meet in Portugal.

A lot of people think the time has run out on diplomacy," the U.S. official said. As for a decision to use force, the official added, "Ir's all political will at this point.'

Other than dispatching warplanes for a military exercise along the Albania-Yugoslavia border in June, the Pentagon and many NATO allies have resisted using force in what amounts to a civil war between Serbian forces and ethnic Albanians fighting for the independence of Kosovo from Serbia and Yugoslavia.

After showing signs of restraint when the conflict began in February, the Serbian forces intensified their campaign over the summer and, in recent weeks, began shelling entire villages, not just rebel positions, forcing civilians to flee. With winter approaching, international agencies worry that tens of thousands of refugees without food or shelter could

A senior NATO official said the alliance had badly misread the situation over the summer, making its early warnings about force appear hollow as Mr. Milosevic's forces routed rebel forces

and then attacked civilians. The United States has stepped up diplomatic efforts to forge a resolution that would give Kosovo back some of quiling fourests

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the autonomy Mr. Milosevic stripped from it in 1989.

The U.S. envoy in Kosovo, Christopher Hill, met with Mr. Milosevic in Belgrade on Monday, but afterward Mr. Milosevic insisted that there was no "humanitarian catastrophe" in Kosovo.

'The phrase 'humanitarian catastrophe' does not correspond to reality and is only a pretext to keep the pressure on Serhia and Yugoslavia," he said.

■ Serbs Start Another Attack

Serbian security forces mounted a strong attack in Kosovo on Tuesday, pounding villages in the heartland of ethnic Albanian resistance with artillery and tank fire, The Associated Press reported from Velika Reka, Yugoslavia,

Paris Experiment Gives Pockets of Carless Calm

Private Vehicles Restricted in Pilot Plan

By Charles Trueheart

PARIS --- Starting Sunday, Parisians will throng to celebrate the automobile, first at a parade down the Champs-Elysees featuring 100 years of classic cars, and then at the centennial of the Paris auto show, the oldest and one of the biggest exhibitions of motor ve-

hicles in the world. But on Tuesday, in Paris and nearly three dozen other French cities, the automobile got a cool shoulder.

Under a government pilot program called "A day in town without my car," habitual drivers were pressed to leave their cars at home and rediscover the pleasures of walking, cycling, scootering, riding buses and subways, and breathing cleaner air.

Private cars were banned from parts of the Beaubourg, Marais, Montmartre and Opera districts on the right bank of the Seine and around Boulevard Saint-Germain on the left bank, as well as in an archipelago of pedestrian zones around

About 60 kilometers (35 miles) of the city's 1,600 kilometers of streets were closed off, creating eerily quiet and empty stretches where the fastest

wheels were on rollerhlades.

Big cities like Nantes, Tours and Strasbourg took part, but some of the largest, like Lille and Lyon, declined. La Rochelle staged a car-free day last year and said use of public transport had

since risen 70 percent. The brainchild of Dominique Voynet, the French environment minister and France's leading Green, the 14-hour experiment on Tuesday was greeted with varying degrees of approval, impatience, cynicism and outrage. But like it or not, people were forced to comply, and the beastly Parisian traffic was

measurably if only fleetingly lighter.
According to Madame Voynet, "the goal is to show that everyone wins in

rows," she said, "but a point of departure for taking back our cities." Her colleague Jean-Claude Gayssot, the Communist transportation minister,

warned that "choices had to be made

"This is not a day without tomor-

about the place reserved for cars" in

But another member of the Socialistled coalition that governs France, Andre Laharerre, derided the carless day as a "a useless and costly gimmick" with

'zero ecological value."

An automobile executive quoted in Le Parisien newspaper suggested that pedestrians and drivers were being pro-voked into "making war" with one another.

France's environmental consciousness has lagged behind that of other, more crowded European countries. where new restrictions or discouraging tolls are being imposed on private vehicle traffic in city centers.

Madame Voynet has led the charge here to educate the French public about alternatives to the internal combustion engine, and to press for special driving restrictions on days of heavy pollution.

With "educational" events like this one, national and city leaders are paving the way for a series of permanent restrictions on car traffic set to come into force in the new century.
In Paris, for instance, plans are afoot

to ban all vehicles but taxis and huses from the Place de la Concorde, for decades one of the city's most chaotic whirlpools of automobiles.

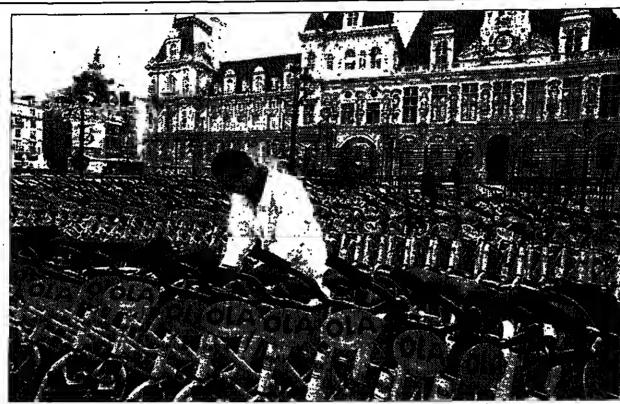
A new metropolitan tramway system, electric vans in the heart of the city, and commuter craft on the Seine are also in the planning stages.

Although they prefer to commute in private cars (69 percent) despite an extensive public transportation network, Parisians appear conditioned for such changes.

percent said automobile traffic had become "intolerable" and 69 percent nationwide said they were ready to close the center cities to cars.

Nearly half told another survey that their health had been adversely affected by the effects of pollution, most of which emanates from vehicular ex-

The World Health Organization said respiratory ailments among the 10 million people in metropolitan Paris had increased by 40 percent in the last de-



A city worker checking bicycles that were lent to Parisians on Tuesday during traffic-restricted hours.

German Social Democrats Hanging On

BONN - Gerhard Schroeder kept his lead over Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Tuesday, but his Social Democrats were thrown on the defensive after welfare cut proposals angered trade un-.

Two opinion polls gave the center-left Social Democrats the edge over Mr. Kohl's conservative Christian Democratic Union, which has been closing the gap

in the days leading to Sunday's vote. An Allensbach Institute poll gave the Social Democrats 41.1 percent, as against 36.1 percent for the Christian

A Forsa group survey put the Social Democrats at 41 percent, as against 38 percent for the Kohl camp.

If these results were repeated in five days' time Mr. Schroeder, 54, would be able to forge a coalition government with the ecologist Greens, ending Mr. Kohl's 16-year reign.

The Forsa poll was unchanged from a week ago, but the Allensbach poll put the Social Democrats down 0.3 point and the

delay the outpost's construction by

years and add up to \$2 billion in costs, be added.

justifiably concerned and skeptical,"

said Senator John McCain, Republican

of Arizona and chairman of the Senate

Commerce Committee, which oversees

Some critics go further, saying NASA officials should put the whole

"They're trying to stick with a failed

strategy," said James Oberg, a U.S.

expert on the Russian space program. He added that the station's delays

threatened to add billions of dollars in

hidden costs to NASA's shuttle oper-

ations. "Next year's shuttle schedule is

At worst, Mr. Oberg said, NASA could end up with a half-built station

with the Russians entirely out of the picture if their downward spiral con-

tinnes. He said it would be much better

entirely up in the air," he said.

station project on indefinite hold.

tioning the new bailont, however.

Top members of Congress are ques-

"Given NASA's track record, we are

shown Mr. Kohl putting on a final spurt as he crisscrosses the country, saying his record as the West's longest-serving leader qualifies him to take a reunified

the Social Democrats by only two points, down from a 12-point margin after Mr. Schroeder's nomination in March.

A drop in record unemployment and a year-old chancellor, although his campaign has been bedeviled by a debate about whether he should hand over power to his more popular deputy, Wolfgang Schaeuble, if elected for a

The Social Democrats' normally smooth campaign machinery, modeled on that of Bill Clinton and Tony Blair, sputtered Tuesday after remarks by a millionaire computer entrepreneur, Jost

image and target the "new center" of German politics.

On Monday, he said the high cost of the welfare state had become a "prison for the average earner." He called for more private contributions for pensions.

This angered the trade unions, which have put millions of Deutsche marks behind a campaign to promote the Social Democrats' employment and social

Ursula Engelen-Kefer, deputy chief of the German Trade Union Federation. rejected welfare cutbacks. She acknowledged that Germany's social systern needed reform. "But not in a way that would ruin it," she told Deutschlandradio Berlin on Tuesday.

Mr. Stollmann, who would be finance minister in a Schroeder government, a 'loose cannon."

"Voters know he's not a Social Democrat, that he doesn't speak for the SPD and isn't campaigning in the tra-ditional way," the campaign manager,

Kosovo Leader Is Fatally Shot In Albania

TIRANA, Albania - Ahmet Krasniqi, 50, a leading member of the selfstyled ethnic Albanian government in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo, was shot to death in Tirana on Monday evening, the Albanian Interior Ministry said

"Mr. Krasniqi was killed by unidentified gunmen while entering his home in Tirana," said Artan Bizhga, a spokes-

man for the Interior Ministry.

Mr. Bizhga said the police found three 9mm cartridges at the scene. Political assassinations were virtu-

ally unknown in Albania until last week, when a senior Democratic Party politician, Azem Hajdari, was shot and killed near his party's headquarters in Tirana. But there are many criminal murders in Albania, where an estimated 600,000

weapons are in circulation. Albania has been drawn to the verge of a conflict on its northern border with

Separatist guerrillas of the Kosovo Liberation Army have bases in northern Albania from where they re-equip and

infiltrate Kosovo. Some 15,000 ethnic Albanians from Kosovo have fled the conflict to Albania to escape fighting between the Kosovo Liberation Army and the Serbian security forces, in which more than 500 people have been killed and more than

250,000 displaced. In another attack in Tirana ovemight, a flask filled with explosives was thrown at the home of Vasil Melo, chairman of the ethnic Greek Union for Human Rights Party, part of a coalition led by the ruling Socialist Party of Prime Minister Fatos Nano.

Mr. Bizhga said the explosion damaged Mr. Melo's house, but that no one was injured.

The police helieved the explosion was an "act of street villains," Mr. Bizhga said.

Mr. Melo said: "I cannot consider this an attempt against myself because that plastic bottle with gunpowder could not do more damage than it did and if someone wanted to do that, he would

have had a lot more possibilities." The explosion followed a grenade attack the previous night on the bome of a state prosecutor investigating unrest in Albanía in the last two years.

Prince Norodom Ranar-

iddh, on phone Tuesday

NASA Asks Aid for Russia on New Station

By William J. Broad New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Worried that trouble in Moscow is threatening its own dreams, NASA wants to spend up to \$660 million over five years to bail out its Russian partner in building a planned international space station, according to agency officials.

Key members of Congress immediately faulted the proposal as too ex-pensive, clouding the fate of the biggest science project of all time. But NASA officials argued that the American and Russian programs were now linked so infimalety that the Russian effort must be preserved lest the American space program suffer.

In just two months, orbital construction is to start on the sprawling outpost for astronauts, which is expected to cost more than \$40 billion. But even if the new bailout goes through and keeps the Russians affoat, the station project is facing another round of construction delays next year because of Russia's problems in building a key part. The lag in that work will also have costly repercussions for America's fleet of space shuttles, which

are to carry station elements into orbit. Already, past delays have cut the flight rate of the winged spaceships to unusually low levels, and NASA of-

BORDEAUX --- Ira Einhorn, a long-

time American fueitive, sought his re-

lease Tuesday after the French police

arrested him again on another hid by the

U.S. authorities to have him extradited

Mr. Einhorn, once an anti-war and

New Age vanguard, was arrested again

Sunday night, nine months after a

French judge refused to expel him to the

United States, where he has been con-

victed of murdering a former girlfriend,

Officials in Pennsylvania have re-

quested Mr. Einhom's extradition

to face a new murder trial.

Helen Maddux, in 1977.

ficials are scramhling to find new shuttle payloads to compensate for looming gaps in outpost construction. Joseph Rothenberg, associate administrator for space flight at the National

Aeronautics and Space Administration, said that the new hid to save the Russians and the beleaguered outpost was likely to cost about \$1.2 billion, including the new money for the Russians as well as about \$540 million in new American work such as modifying the shuttles so they can do more station lifting.

"This is a plan," he said of the Russia aid, adding that "no commitment from

to provide new funds had anybody"

Mr. Rothenberg said that the space agency had already squeezed its own \$13.6 hillion hudget as far as possible to find emergency funds for the outpost's rescue, and that it was eager for new

Overall, he said, NASA wants to pay the Russians \$60 million this fiscal year for new goods and services and then up to \$150 million a year over the next four years as an aid to station construction.

than losing Moscow's help altogether. "Any alternative you look at without the Russians would hit the program hard," he said. Their absence would

as is required under French law. The

French court is to consider the release

request next Tuesday, while the ex-

tradition was not expected to be ruled on

for several weeks, to allow Mr. Ein-

in Gradignan, a Bordeaux suburb. He was

arrested Sunday when he reported to a

local police station, as he is required to do

every week under terms of his previous

release, according to a secretary for Mr. Delthil. Mr. Einhorn fled America in

1981 and lived under an alias in France

before he was captured in June 1997.

Mr. Einhorn was being held in a prison

horn's lawyers to study the request.

French Rearrest Fugitive Sought by U.S.

The Assignment Press again, this time promising to retry him,

to pause now and rethink the station The \$1.2 billion in emergency money, venture from the ground up. Mr. Rothenberg said, was much cheaper ■ Nuclear Accords Are Signed

NASA.

The United States and Russia signed two accords Tuesday on nuclear cooperation, including one allowing U.S. companies to help modernize secret "nuclear cities" of the former Soviet Union, Agence France-Presse reported

from Vienna. The accords were signed by the U.S. energy secretary, Bill Richardson, and the Russian atomic energy minister, Yevgeni Adamov, on the sidelines of a meeting of the International Atomic En-

ergy Agency.
The "nuclear cities" were among the most secret facilities in the former Soviet Union. Behind their walls thousands of scientists worked on designing and producing Moscow's nuclear arsenal. Under the accord signed Tuesday, U.S. companies will invest in work at

the cities to ensure that the 600,000

employees are not driven elsewhere

through lack of work.

Christian Democrats up 0.6 point. Other polls in the last week have Germany into the 21st century.

Three polls have shown him lagging

record fifth consecutive term.

Mr. Stollmann, 43, was brought in to help Mr. Schroeder revamp the party

Social Democratic officials called

Franz Mnenterfering, said.

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Suharto Questioned on Wealth

JAKARTA — The Indonesian government has questioned former President Suharto about his personal wealth and allegations that he has hillions of dollars stashed in overseas bank accounts.

Officials leading the investigation said on Tuesday that Mr. Suharto would soon provide the attorney general's office with a report of his wealth to belp "clarify" media reports that estimate the former president's worth at nearly \$40 billion. Mr. Suharto has denied having any

Federal Rule Sought for Bihar

NEW DELHI — The Indian government on Tuesday recommended the imposition of federal rule in the eastern state of Bihar, triggering a storm of protest from op-

Governor Sundar Singh Bhandari of Bihar had reported that federal intervention was needed in the statebecause law and order had broken down. (Reuters)

China Hits U.S.-Japan Talks

BELIING — China on Tuesday criticized Japan and the United States over a proposed defense system to shield Japan from a ballistic missile attack, warning that such plans could touch off a regional arms race.

U.S. and Japanese officials agreed last weekend to step up research into an anti-missile system after North Korea last month lobbed a multistage rocket over Japan.

Taiwan Negotiator in Beijing

BEIJING — Taiwan's top negotiator with China, Shi Hwei-yow, flew into Beijing on Tuesday on what be called a goodwill visit to pave the way for the highest level meeting between the two rivals in five years. Beijing immediately urged Taiwan to accept political negotiations aimed at reunification.

Taiwan's Nationalist rulers have resisted such negotiations, saying reunion was possible only if the Communists give up their monopoly on power and embrace

Cambodian Rivals Set **Talks on Cooperation**

SIEM REAP, Cambodia - The leaders of Cambodia's rival parties met Tuesday for the first time since the contested election in July and agreed to hold talks on the formation of a new govern-

ment, party officials said. The party leaders also agreed that the new National Assembly would convene

Thursday.
The four-hour meeting Tuesday in the northern town of Siem Reap marked the

after talks in Siem Reap. first time the former co-prime minister, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, had met Hun Sen, the co-prime minister who ousted him in July last year, since shortly before Mr. Hun

"It was a very good summit," Prince Ranariddh said after the talks. He said that all parties would "start negotiations about the

formation of a new government.

"I think definitely we have made progress instead of stalemate," he said. "In spite of remaining problems, we have agreed to go forward. eed to go forward.
'But,'' he added, "we still have a long way to go.". After the talks the party leaders, including former Finance Minister Sam Rainsy, whose party came third in the July 26

election, lined up with the constitutional monarch. King Norodom Sihanouk, Prince Ranariddh's father, who presided over the meeting. Mr. Hun Sen, whose ruling party won the vote, turned to his bitter critic Mr. Sam Rainsy and shook his hand and patted him

Prince Ranariddh and Mr. Sam Rainsy rejected Mr. Hun Sen's election victory, saying his party won through fraud and

The opposition mounted more than three weeks of protests against the election but last week, after coming under mounting pressure from the king and the international community. they called off the demonstrations and agreed to talks. They also dropped a threat to boycott Parliament after

clashes between their supporters and the police in which two Mr. Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party does not have the two-thirds of seats necessary to form a government alone.

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2 Italian Tourists Murdered in Cuba

MEXICO CITY - Two Italian tourists visiting Cuba were shot and killed early last week on a beach outside Havana, the Italian Embassy here said.

The names of the victims have not been made public. Both appeared to be in their 30s.

The victims, both men, were apparently killed on Sept. 14, reportedly by guns. Homicide with guns is very rare in Cuba. (AP)

Forces Took Town, Congo Rebels Say

GOMA, Congo — Congolese rebels fighting to oust President Laurent Kabila have captured the eastern town of Kamituga in the South Kivu region, rebel officials

The rebel commander, Jean-Pierre Ondekane, said his forces were involved in heavy fighting on Friday when they succeeded in

overrunning the town.

He said that his advancing forces captured 10 Sudanese soldiers who had been serving on the side of Mr.

The government, in its version of events, said that its troops and allies had attacked an airport north of Bukavu. Congolese television said that a large rebel aircraft, which was about to take off, was hit on the

12 More Algerians Die in Terrorism

ALGIERS - Bomh explosions and clashes between the army and Muslim militants across Algeria have left 12 people dead and 20 wounded. government officials said Tuesday.

The resurgence of violence this month came as troops carried out new sweeps against the militants, reportedly encircling hundreds of fighters belonging to the Armed

Islamic Group.

A bomh exploded near a military truck in Saida, 400 kilometers (240 miles) southwest of Algiers, killing two soldiers and wounding four civilians, officials said.

The terror stems from cancellation of an election that Islamic forces seemed likely to win. (AP)

South Africa Suppressing Long Uprising in Lesotho

MASERU, Lesotho - South African troops rumhled into this tiny mountain kingdom at dawn Tuesday to quell weeks of anarchy and took control of key sites amid heavy fighting, the mil-itary command in Pretoria said.

Battles with rebellious Lesotho soldiers continued into the day. At least three South African soldiers were killed and 11 were lightly wounded, the military said.

Protesters firebomhed government buildings, looters rampaged through central Maseru and cars with South African license plates were being stoned following the intervention.

Shopping centers were gutted by fire, and smoke drifted from many parts of the capital city, which is just inside the border with South Africa.

The military said the besieged Leso-tho government had called for inter-vention by the Southern African Development Community, which South Africa leads.

"The aim of the intervention is to restore stability as quickly as possible and to withdraw from the kingdom of Lesotho as soon as this has been achieved," the military said.

The action, post-apartheid South Africa's first major military intervention, follows weeks of opposition party demonstrations over allegations of election-rigging and an army rebellion that had effectively paralyzed the govern-ment. South African troops came in

support of the government, which had lost control of the army.

A heavy firefight raged Tuesday at a military barracks in the airport area. South African and Lesotho troops traded automatic rifle fire, and mortar explosions were heard. Fifteen armored vehicles equipped with cannon came to reinforce the South Africans.

Officials said the force had secured Lesotho military headquarters, the main air force base, central business district and the neighborhood were most diplomats and cahinet members live.

South African troops met strong resistance in the morning at the royal palace, the Katse Dam in the central part of the country and two military bases said a South African military spokes-woman, Lieutenant Colooel Laverne Machine of the air force.

King Letsie III was safe and being protected by South African troops, Col-

Enemy of Liberia's President

MONROVIA, Liberia - The U.S. Embassy in Liberia disclosed Tuesday that Roosevelt Johnson, the ethnic Krahn who was a civil war enemy of President Charles Taylor, had taken refuge there.

The Americans cautioned Mr. Taylor not to allow a planned street protest

outside the embassy.

Diplomats said that Mr. Johnson, who is wanted hy Mr. Taylor's government to face treason charges, was in the embassy compound with some of his

quarter was tense, with schools closed. The embassy is at the edge of the city

his way into the embassy after soldiers opened fire at the embassy entrance on Saturday. At least three of Mr. Johnson's men were killed, including a close aide, Madison Wion. Two U.S. security

personnel were wounded.

The pro-Taylor Citizens Action
Committee had announced plans to
demonstrate outside the embassy on

Wednesday. The American diplomats said they were aware of that plan, and warned that it would be unwise and unhelpful while

it would be unwise and unhelpful while negotiations were under way.

"If a permit is provided fur the demonstration, we would hold the government responsible for any consequences," an emhassy aide said, adding that security was being significantly increased at the compound.

Fighting broke out late Friday after Mr. Taylor, a former warlord who won power in elections last year, moved to arrest Mr. Johnson and other rivals from

arrest Mr. Johnson and other rivals from the civil war, which took the lives of more than 150,000 people.

Gets Asylum in U.S. Embassy Diplomats said Mr. Johnson pushed

supporters.
Wimesses said that the diplomatic

center and was the scene of fighting in 1996 during the final phase of the civil "We have instructions from our gov-

ernment not to hand him or the others over at the moment," an embassy official said. "Negotiations are continu-ing, and he is being held with some other people in a confined area.

BOOKS

FOR KINGS AND **PLANETS**

By Ethan Canin. 335 pages. \$24.95. Random House. Reviewed by Christopher

Lehmann-Haupt THE story told in Ethan Cunin's shimmering new novel, "For Kings and Plan-ets." is deceptively familiar. Omo Tarcher, the son of a stolid Missouri family, arrives as a freshman at Columbia University in the fall of 1974 and is dazzled - by New York City, by his fellow students, hy his leachers and particularly by his classmate and new friend, Marshall Emerson, the brilliant son of two Columbia professors so wellconnected socially that as Omo tells his parents: "There's letters on his wall from John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. His mother

talks on the phone with Margaret Mead. They're friends with artists and writers. But hy the end Omo has discovered that hrilliance and connections are meaningless, particularly when measured

hy his father's simple stan-

dard that "all a man ever has

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haltingly under the weight of his insecurity and lack of belief in himself, yet his integrity is deep, he hungers for mined to make up for his intellectual shortcomings by

on any test he takes.

make of Marshall, who praises him for his straightforwardness, invites him into his artistic circle, takes him home to meet his parents and vounger sister. Simone, charms him with hrilliantly told stories of his childhood in Istanhul and then suddenly appears to drop him.

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Only when Marshall calls

outworking everyone else. He feels particularly overmatched by his unlikely new friend, Marshall, who doesn't even have to attend classes because, driven by his demanding father, he has already read practically everything. and, thanks to his photographic memory, he can score 100

Orno doesn't know what to

must be ready for the worst. We must harden our hearts." But Orno remains loval even after Marshall drops out

experience and he is deter- of Columbia, moves to Los Angeles to write a novel and begins to rise as a television scriptwriter and producer. Omo puts up with Marshall's disapproval of his settling for dental school after

failing to get into any medical school. ("My father could get you into medical school by picking up the phone." Marshall assures him. "It would take him 10 minutes, two phone calls.") He becomes inextricably involved with Marshall's family when he and Simone fall in love. And he falls into the path of Marshall's seemingly inevitable self-destruction.

How this plays itself out is too suspenseful and surprising even to be hinted at here. But Canin makes the reader he captures the moods of the story's locales, the flatness of Omo's home in Minutes 1. ache and thrill with Orno's Omo's home in Missouri, the imperial architecture of New York City, the sand and salt of Cape Cod, where the Emersons own a cottage in Woods Hole, and "the bantam vistas truncated by woodsy hills" of inland Maine, where Omo

sets up his dental practice. When Orno arrives at Columbia he gives some of Marshall's friends his earnest view "that each generation improved upon the mistakes of the last." They laugh at him, saying it is "a Midwest-em outlook." Orno joins in

An almost banal tale based on Orno to rescue him during their laughter, but it is a view he strives to hold on to.

Near the end of the novel. prose, the story reads as if told for the first time.

The characters in "For the formula of the first time for Marshall," Simone tells of gulls flocking over the first time. Kings and Planets' seem Omo in the hospital. Marcorpse of a fish and watches freshly original. Omo moves shall's mother adds: "We their attack. "They circled and dived, haffling one another with their wings as they hovered, then dropped like stones onto the carcass. He understood that this was the normal course of the world's savagery; hut even at this moment, despite everything, he understood that at the core of him be felt humans were

different. He concludes: "Hardship made character, hardship broke character; that was the paradox. Character to him was kindness and diligence and a certain social egalitarianism that was fundamental to society, and be still believed somehow that all three were instinctive. This, perhaps, was

his unbending core."
What keeps him in touch with this core is the down-toearthness that enables him to settle on dentistry as his calling. As he writes to Marshall, "I'm beginning to relax enough to enjoy it, and I see

Earlier he has written to Marshall: "Yes, I have learned the names of the teeth. hut they are probably not what you had hoped for, not named for kings or planets. They are merely numbers."

In his novel, Canin illuminates both these realms, those of metaphor and literalness. Surprisingly in a world where tongues are eloquent, what the heart can grasp prevails. "For Kings and Planets" leaves you wounded and healed.

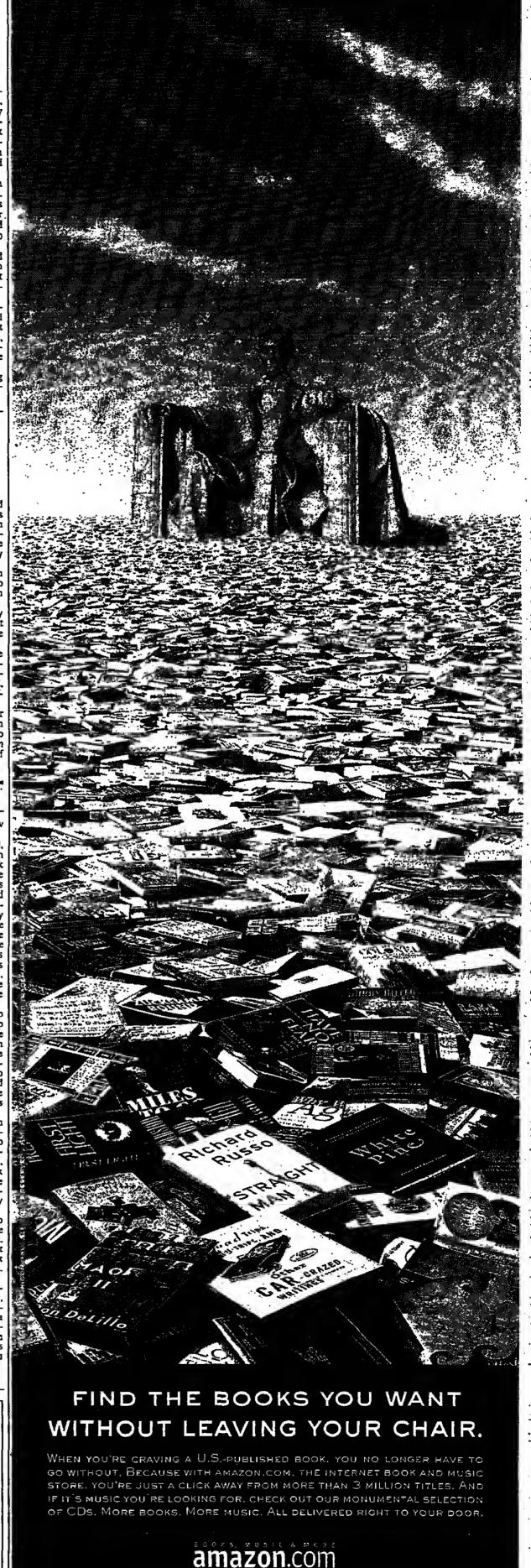
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Prime Minișter Mahathir bin Mohamad of Molaysia has led his country down an unorthodox road in his quest for economic recovery, shutting his country off from global currency markets. He Q. What effect die also dismissed his anointed successor, down have on you? Anwar Ibrahim, leading to a large-scale street demonstrations. Mr. Mahathir spoke with Thomas Fuller of the International Herald Tribune on Tuesday.

Q. For the first time in decades, there have been large numbers of protesters on tually by popular support—at least I think the streets of Kuala Lumpur, clashing so. From the reception I get wherever I go, with police and in some cases calling for your resignation. What does this mean

for Malaysia and your premiership?

A. We have always maintained that one of the most attractive things about Malaysia for foreign investors is the political stability. I'm quite sure what has happened is going to be interpreted by foreigners as meaning there is no political stability. But it is not something that is as violent as seen in other countries and we are quite prepared to handle

Q. This all happened during the Commonwealth Games, and Queen Elizabeth Il was here. With hindsight was Mr. Anwar's ouster mistimed?

A. I didn't even think about the timing. I thought that he needed to be re-

Q & A / Mahathir bin Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia

Q. What effect did Suharto's stepping and they do things like looting or break- to your own country. Since then a lot of

A. I think be [Anwar] was much more influenced with Suharto's stepping down than I am. He thinks that because Suharto subjected to the same pressures. But my situation is quite different. I'm here acthere is no animosity toward me.

Q. Following Mr. Anwar's ouster, you are now prime minister, finance minister and bome minister. Isn't that putting too many eggs in one basket? A. I hope it will not be for too long. Contrary to the usual belief that I am a

dictator, I actually work as a team. Q. You said before Mr. Anwar was removed that you would remain prime minister as long as it took to fix the economy. Now, without an anointed successor, will you remain in power longer? A. Slightly longer perhaps until I can

ing shop windows, the police have to put a stop to that. And to put a stop to that. And to put a stop to that that is sort of control over the international caption of the put and the put as the police have expressed the need for some sort of control over the international caption. The put as the ods. You have to be a little bit rough. The had to step down it follows that I could be police have been very restrained. In other countries they would be beaten.

Q. Anwar had a lot of friends and supporters. Do you think there might be world should recognize the truth. an electoral backlash to this?

A. There may be, but we think that we can handle it. Our party has got very popular support. It is a mass-based party. We've got 2.4 million members and, by and large, they are loyal to the party.
Q. Will you call elections soon?

A. I have a lot of time to mull over these things. I'll think about it. Q. What would you look for in a

A. An honest man who is capable. Not a genius. I am not expecting a fair copy of myself. ... This is a country that depends so much on trade, and any leader of the country must understand economics.

Q. Can we expect a larger crackdown beyond those detained on Monday?

A. 1 don't think so. It all depends on how violent they are. If they are violent are violent to the control of the c

A. Yes, to a certain extent. But that is not too important to me. What is important is whether my views are taken seriously now for people to act. The

Q. What should the world do? Is there a Mahathir Manifesto on currency trad-

A. In Hong Kong I have already said we need to have some rules or regulations about currency trading. That it should be more open. Currency trading is unnecessary. You should exchange currency for the purpose of financing trade. But you should not trade in currencies as a commodity. Currencies have got no intrinsic value.

Q. But can you stop currency trading altogether? Is a fixed-exchange rate sys-

A. You had it before and the world free-market ideology?

A. It is possible if there is political was growing at a faster rate. People say, "Well, that is out of date." An old idea is not necessarily bad simply because it is old. We should re-examine it.

NATION **MALAYSIA:** Ex-Deputy Assailed Continued from Page I

With 10 television cameras rolling, Mr. Mahathir told the Tuesday press conference that he had been very reluctant to believe the charges of sodomy when be first heard them several years ago. He decided two months ago to hold his own investigation into the matter, bringing in witnesses and some of Mr. Anwar's alleged sexual partners.

"I told them, 'Look, if you're forced into making confessions please tell me, I will protect you, "Mr. Mahathir said.
"But they said, 'No we were not forced by the police. We are telling the truth,' and several of them said this man is not fit to become a leader," Mr. Mahathir

Both Mr. Anwar's adopted brother and a former speechwriter pleaded guilty Saturday to being sodomized by Mr. Anwar. The prime minister said Tuesday that he felt awkward airing the allegations to the public.

"We are a very conservative society," he said. "We don't talk about these things. "You know the effect of Clinton's

admission of having Lewinsky having oral sex and it is published all over," he said. "Children are reading about it." In an hourlong interview with the

International Herald Tribune, Mr. Mahathir also touched on Malaysia'a re-

ton, he offered his case for a global system of controls on international can-Malaysia became the first Southeast

Asian nation to clamp down on currency trading earlier this year, rejecting the free market and insulating itself from East Asia's economic crisis.

The move has been closely followed by economists around the world as well as the leaders of other countries also beset by economic turmoil.

"Currency trading is unnecessary,"
Mr. Mahathir said, "Yon should exchange currency for the purpose of financing trade.'

plained of police harassment Tuesday after troops surrounded her house and accused the government of being eva sive about the charges against ber husband, The Associated Press reported

She told reporters that the police had not responded to repeated requests by lawyers and Mr. Anwar's family for



Will Mr. Mahathir call elections soon? "I have a lot of time to mull ver these things. I'll think about it."

Q. Is it possible to change decades of

will. If you look back at all the systems and all the ideologies, you find that people become fanatical to the point where they are prepared to accept bad results because they are doing the 'proper' thing. It took 70 years for the Russians to realize that communism was bad. Everybody else knew it, but the Russians insist that it was good for them.

We should be communicated according to the world bank and International Monetary Fund in Washing-We should be open-minded enough to examine everything that we are doing to find out whether they are really good or they have some faults with needs to be

Q. Malaysia has already taken its own measures to insulate its currency. By doing so you were able to slash interest rates without any immediate effect on the value of your currency. But will this cheap money support companies and industries that might otherwise be vi-

A. Bad companies will fail even if interest rates are low. But high interest rates will kill good companies. You have that choice. Whether you want to kill all the companies, or you let at least the

Q. Singapore has been politically isolated in recent months. Both you and Indonesian President [B.J.] Habibie bave indicated your disappointment that the island nation has not been helpful from Kuala Lumpur. enough to its neighbors. But is this isolation dangerous for the stability of Southeast Asia?

A. Not dangerous for the region, but certainly not good for Singapore. Singapore should learn to manage itself not through undermining its neighbors. They increased the interest rate on the ringgit, causing the ringgit to flow out of Malaysia and drying up the liquidity in the country. That undermines us.

■ Pressure on Anwar's Wife Mr. Anwar's wife, Azizah, com-

. She said that neither she nor Mr. An-

war's lawyers had been allowed to meet him since his arrest Sunday.

The police have also threatened her with arrest for suggesting that her hus-band had been injected with the HIV virus while in police detention.

Anwar's Wife Gets Ready to Take Up His Banner



Azizah Ismail, the wife of Anwar Ibrahim, telling reporters of her Gandhi, who took over as president of plans Tuesday in Kuala Lumpur. India's Congress party earlier this year.

She Will Follow Other Asian Women Who've Stepped In for Men

Mrs. Azizah stayed in the background law at a time when the two politicians when she accompanied her husband on his Reformasi (Reform) crisscross of the nance minister Anwar Ibrahim, was nation last week. But since he was arpoised Tuesday to join a long line of Asian women who have jumped into the fray after their men were brought down rested, she has found a new, stronger voice.

Friends say they have been surprised

Friends say they have been surprised at how forceful her speeches have "I was very surprised to hear her speak in such a powerful voice," one

"Until then I had always thought of her as soft spoken." The word that comes up time and time

again when Malaysians talk about Mrs. Azizah is "Angel." Taxi drivers use the word, Hard-bitten sex life, local journalists say it with reverence. Hotel staff say it in hushed tones.

Nearly always dressed in the religious white of devout Muslims, the mother of six children, a background of helping the blind as a foreign-trained eye doctor and . with a serene bearing, Mrs. Azizah is a political image maker's dream.

The couple married in 1980 and have five daughters and one son. Rumors at the time said the unlikely union of the one-time student activist, Mr. Anwar, and the daughter of a highly

On the night of Mr. Anwar's dismissal, Mrs. Azizah went alone to see Mahathir's wife, who lives nearby, to say good-bye and to ask justice for her man, who is accused of sex and other

A judge last weekend found an adopted brother of Mr. Anwar and a speech writer for him guilty of allowing Mr. Anwar to sodomize them.

Mr. Anwar has denied the accusa-Mrs. Azizah rejects comparisons with

Hillary Clinton, who has gone through good companies survive. her own pain over the U.S. president's "Why should I be compared to Hillary Clinton?" she asked a rally at her home days before Mr. Anwar's arrest.

Bill Clinton is not at all like Anwar Ibrahim. I know these are lies about my busband fabricated to topple him." There is no donbting she has a steadiness of hand and nerves of steel from

her achievement in passing the eye doctors' course at the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin.

She returned to Kuala Lumpur to practice her skill and worked at a govrespected and well-off Malaysian doctor was arranged by a Mahathir sister-in-up her career to care for her children.

Russia Again Resists Use of Force to Help Kosovars

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York — Russia is opposed to any efforts to use outside force to end the war in Kosovo, Moscow's new foreign minister stressed Tuesday in his first speech to world

The minister, Igor Ivanov, also tion are focused on how to get the mea-warned against a military solution in sure through the Council without Iraq, and raised a possibility that Russia provoking a Russian veto. would argue in a coming Security Council debate that the Iraqis were no longer a geni Primakov, former foreign minister threat to their neighbors and, therefore, and now the prime minister, who some

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law-abiding Iran is these days and asked crisis. for help in resolving the crisis in neigh-

United States - Mr. Khatami quoted

from the New Testament, the Koran and

13th-century Iranian poetry in arguing in

philosophical language that dialogue is the key to understanding among na-

speech is what it did not say.

What was remarkable about the

There was no criticism of the United

States.-Indeed, the only direct reference

the world as its only superpower.

There was much milder criticism of

free Jerusalem from Israeli rule and no

attack of the 1992 peace agreement be-

And there was no threat to invade

Afghanistan, despite the presence of

200,000 Iranian troops on the Afgban

border and Iran's relentless condemna-

tion of the repression of Afghanistan

under the rule of the militant Taleban

no guilitary solution to that country's

In fact, Mr. Khatami said, "There is

The president branded the recent

killing of nine Iranian diplomats and a

journalist by the Sunni Muslim Taleban

Nations to bring all the warring parties

tween Israel and the Palestinians.

movement.

predicament.

IRAN: Khatami Denies 'Opening' to U.S.

The press conference followed Mr. James Rubin, the State Department

Khatami's address Monday to the spokesman, said that Washington was United Nations General Assembly in encouraged by Mr. Khatami and other

which tried to woo his global audience Iranian officials who said they wanted a with talk of how freedom-loving and peaceful resolution to the Afghan

boring Afghanistan.

In his first address to the General
Assembly — and his first trip to the

Mohammed, Mr. Khatami seemed

to the United States was an expression of nation, famous for its age-old civili-

confidence that "powerful nations, such zation as well as its distinguished con-

as the American people," will reject the tribution to the founding and expansion

Israel than usual, and certainly no call to and screamed that Mr. Khatami was a

part of a pattern of genocide against because the foreign minister of Iran did Shiite Muslims and called on the United not show up at a conference on Af-

idea that one nation should aim to rule of the Islamic civilization.

sanctions. Both Iraq, which has ended most cooperation with United Nations issues of importance to Moscow. career Foreign Ministry official who is regarded as a loyal Primakov associate arms inspectors, and Kosovo, the subject of a French and British proposed resolution that would anthorize the use of NATO forces, are urgent matters before

Asked if she intended to lead Mr.

Anwar's movement now that her hus-

band had been arrested, Mrs. Azizah said

this week: "Yes. My dignity, like Mrs. Gandhi said, is to follow my busband.

the Italian-born widow of the assassin-

ated former Indian prime minister, Rajiv

Somebody has to carry on the fight." She was referring to Sonia Gandhi,

Diplomats involved in the negotiations surrounding the Kosovo resolu-

Mr. Ivanov is a former deputy to Yevand now the prime minister, who some

sponsored by the United Nations that

more eager to present himself as a global philosopher than a politician with an

from the East, the origin of brilliant

civilizations and the hirthplace of Divine

Prophets: Abraham, Moses, Jesus and

Mohammed, peace be upon them all."

be said. "I come from the noble land of

Iran, representing a great and renowned

As he spoke, a woman burst past

guards into the General Assembly hall

murderer and torturer. The woman,

identified by UN officials as Laila Jaza-

hy the UN security police, who hand-

cuffed her and strapped her to a wheel-

New York Times Service.

UNITED NATIONS, New York -

What was expected to be the first high-

level meeting in two decades between Iran and the United States did not occur

yeri, a 37-year-old Iranian, was subdued throw of the Tehran government.

A U.S.-Iran Meeting That Almost Was

chair before turning her over to the New 1987, at the height of Iran's eight-year

Iran and the United States did not occur accompanying the president of Iran, Mobecause the foreign minister of Iran did hammed Khatami, on his official rounds.

ghanistan, attended by Secretary of State Rubin, rejected a suggestion that the

war with Iraq.

one of his deputies.

"Allow me to speak here as a man

agenda for change.

York City police.

Iraq, where the Russians consider themselves indispensable players and gobetweens with Iraq's enemies. the Security Council. On Kosovo, Russians have long been

opposed to intervention by NATO even as the Serbian Army of President campaign against ethnic Alhanian sep-

issues of importance to Moscow.

Mr. Primakov, a specialist on the Arab

In his speech Tuesday to the 53d session of the United Nations General deserved some relief from economic Western diplomats expect to take a con- Assembly, Mr. Ivanov — a 53-year-old

Saudis Withdraw

Kabul Diplomat

RIYADH - Saudi Arabia an-

nounced Tuesday that it had re-called its chargé d'affaires from Ka-bul and demanded the departure of

the Afghanistan chargé d'affaires from Riyadh, according to the of-

A statement quoted by SPA said

that "the minister of foreign affairs

has informed [the Afghan author-

ities] of the immediate recall of the Saudi chargé d'affaires in Afghan-istan. The Afghan chargé d'affaires

in Riyadh has also been asked to

leave the kingdom."
Saudi Arabia is one of only three

nations, along with Pakistan and the

United Arab Emirates, that recog-

nizes the Islamic Taleban militia.

There was no explanation for the

A block away from the United Nations,

about 2,000 demonstrators representing

sistance of Iran protested against Mr.

The last time an Iranian president

Khatami's visit and demanded the over-

their foreign minister, Kamal Kharazi,

had been represented at the session by

The foreign minister was said to be

Mrs. Albright's spokesman, James

the U.S.-based National Council of Re-

(AFP, Reuters)

ficial press agency SPA.

regarded as a loyal Primakov associate spoke out generally against military world, has had a long relationship with solutions and seemed to be indirectly criticizing the United States for usurping the power of the United Nations.

What I have in mind are attempts to undercut the Charter - stipulated powers of the Security Council to use coercive measures," be said. "We must Slobodan Milosevic carries oot a violent not allow creation of a precedent involving the use of military power in a crisis without the support of the Security

Narrowing in on Kosovo, Mr. Ivanov said that "political logic must prevail" in solving the civil conflict.

American officials agree that they would prefer a political solution, but take the position that Washington and NATO have the authority to use force without a Security Council resolution. "The use of power to resolve the

Kosovo conflict might lead to a hig war with unpredictable consequences for the Balkan region and Europe at large," Mr.

In his speech, he went out of his way to praise regional organizations that are useful in problem-solving, mentioning the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States but con-

spicuously leaving out NATO. Turning to Iraq, Mr. Ivanov said that Russia was concerned about rising ten-sions in the region, where Iran and Afghanistan are now armed against each other over a common border.

In this context, the Russian foreign minister called for a new look at the embargo that has crippled Iraq since its invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

"No doubt, Iraq must fully travel its part of the road, resume full cooperation with the United Nations Special Commission and the IAEA and implement relevant Security Council resolutions,"

'On the other hand, the Security Council must adequately assess the situation related to the elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and answer the question whether or that country still addressed the General Assembly was in poses a threat to regional and international security after seven years of ample, and complained about China's work carried ont there by UN inspec-

> Mr. Ivanov also made a strong plea to India and Pakistan, without naming them, to adhere to treaties banning the testing and spread of nuclear weapons and arms technology.
>
> He repeated Mr. Primakov's pledge to

press the lower house of the Russian Parliament for ratification of the START-2 arms treaty with the United Until that arms-reduction pact is rat-

into negotiations.

After Mr. Khatami's speech and an eight-country meeting on Afghanistan Monday that the Iranians explained wby

Madeleine Albright.

Secretary of state had been snuhbed by the Iranians. "This was not a U.S.-Iranian meeting." Mr. Rubin said. new talks oo further cuts in the two



TRADE: U.S. Has Strong Words for China

Continued from Page 1

by ecology but by protectionism. "The unilateral action taken by the United States could impact the normal development of Sino-American trade," China's Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation said in a statement last week. Although the United States has for

years wanted China to open its markets. it has previously boped that this would evolve naturally because China was actively pursuing membership in the World Trade Organization; free markets are a condition of membership. But the Chinese government has apparently lost interest in membership for now. And the United States has been left to apply pressure on its own. Today, Mr. Aaron said that barriers to

U.S. business in China seemed to be multiplying rather than shrinking.

He said that China generally had not at least in some cases.

let foreign companies develop distribution networks for their goods, for exunwillingness to grant licenses to foreign companies in the service sector, such as insurers. In the last few years, a number of American companies have already set up offices in Beijing, anticipating that such licenses would be

Mr. Aaron also lamented that the huge Chinese telecommunications market was not open to foreign companies and noted that the government was contemplating banning foreign companies that have indirect investments in China, such ified, there is little likelihood of opening as a joint venture in the city of Tianjin that includes Sprint Corp. of the United

China has created more subtle barriers as well, Mr. Aaron said, such as increasingly cumbersome foreign-ex-change regulations and what he said was a resurgence in counterfeiting that was now so professional that fake goods even carry copycat "Underwriters Laboratory' seals.
If the prospect of WTO membership

"isn't moving us toward market access and opening, we're going to have to find other methods." he said. He did not mention specific steps, but said the Clinton administration was reviewing possible measures. Officially, Mr. Aaron was in Beijing

to attend a conference on Chinese energy needs and to talk to officials in pres-aration for a meeting on trade that is scheduled for Washington next month.

He said that he was still hopeful that such joint forums could help resolve trade disputes between the two nations,

The Commerce Department's demand for greater openness comes at a bad time for China, which is simultaneously trying to support ailing and inefficient state-owned industries while encouraging the growth of new, costefficient companies.

Foreign competition could prove rumous to Chinese companies that are struggling to get by, raising the coun-

exports to China's other large trading. partners have fallen in the wake of the Asian financial crisis. 'Now we're it in

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But China may have to take heed of U.S. demands, Mr. Aaron said, because terms of exports, and we deserve some consideration," Mr. Aaron said.



NATIONAL DAY OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

The Fruits of Peace and Progress

The Kingdom has balanced cultural, structural and social progress and the upholding of religious and moral values in its march to development.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was established by King Abdulaziz bin Abdulrehman Al-Faisal Al-Saud on Sept. 23, 1932. Saudi Arabia enjoyed great qualified Saudis and to en-National Day, observed every year upon the anniversary of the event, is a time to calebrate the development of the King- of the Kingdom. dom over the past six decades and to look forward to its continuing growth and success.

King Abdulaziz reigned for 21 years and established the dulaziz Al-Saud should suc- the building of highways, ports, pillars of peace and stability and laid the foundation of reform and development. After his death in 1953, his sons took on the responsibility of governing the state. King Saud (1953-1964), King Faisal (1964-1975) and King Khaled

footsteps of King Abdulaziz, Consultative Council and the plans reached 4.2 trillion rivals tors other than oil in total doand development were exten- the country's development. ded to each and every corner

Khaled in 1982, the ruling family and the Saudi people agreed that Crown Prince Fahd bin Ab- began in 1970-71, focused on ceed King Khaled. Prince Ad- airports and other infrastrucbullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud was named crown prince.

King Fahd introduced a Law of Governance, the Law of (1975-1982) followed in the the Provinces, the Law of the plementing

observing Islamic tenets and Law of the Cabinet. The statcontinuing the construction utes limited the executive and and development of the coun-legislative powers to four-year try. Under their leadership, terms to benefit young and progress as the fruits of peace courage their participation in

After the death of King for comprehensive economic and social development. The first five-year plan, which ture and services to facilitate the implementation of major projects under later plans. qualitative shift in the pattern of Government expenditure for government by introducing projects in the plans was four new statutes: the Basic doubled with the increased oil

of the first year of the sixth fivevear plan.

Saudi Arabia's march to deteachings and values, enabled the Kingdom to keep a balance in 1995-96, the Kingdom between cultural, structural started its sixth five-year plan and social progress and the upholding of religious and moral values.

> and diversifying the economic base and strengthening productive capacities in other sectors in order to minimize dependence on oil revenues. According to the Ministry of ports.

Planning, total production other than oil increased fourfold development. The rate of contribution of sec- 511 billion rivals in 1996.

(\$1.1 trillion) by 1996, the end mestic production increased from 53 percent to 67 percent over the period. The rate of contributions of non-oil revenvelopment, guided by Islamic ues to total government revenues increased from 16 percent to 22 percent.

During the same period. privata sector contribution to domestic production reached 45 percent, up from 21 per-The Kingdom has made cent. The private sector acgreat progress in establishing counted for 72 percent of production of non-oil items by 1996. In 1995, Saudi Arabia occupied 26th place in that World Bank's list of countries with the highest levels of ex-

Gross domestic product is estimated to have been 547 revenue. Total spending on im- during the period 1970-1995. billion rivals in 1997, up from



Saudi Arabia has built a modern, dynamic economy, Above: the capital, Riyadh.

The People's Welfare

he government concentrates on are run by other governmental authorities and care due to their health or social residents. circumstances and to assist them in surmounting their difficulties to live a dignified, stable and good normal life.

The government has established more than 77 organizations and institutions for boys and girls, orphans, mentally or physically disabled, and elderly people to look after their needs and help them contribute to society.

To protect workers from poverty due to disability, old age or occupational injuries, the government established a social insurance system. The system was set up in 1973 and

today covers more than 6.24 million workers. Health care standards in Saudi Arabia match those of the world's most advanced countries. Hospitals, clinics and well-equipped health centers care for people in all parts of the coun-

administered by the Health Ministry; the others students in post-graduate studies.

providing social services and care to the private sector. There are 2.32 hospital beds all citizens who are in need of special per 1,000 residents and 1.7 doctors per 1,000

> Saudi Arabia is now witnessing a general awakening in education. There are eight universities and thousands of primary, middle and secondary schools for boys and girls. Spe-cialized colleges and institutions offer adult education in various scientific branches and also edult literacy classes.

> From 1970 to 1997, the number of boys and girls in general and higher education increased eightfold, to 4.5 million students. The Kingdom now counts 22,300 schools, up from 3,283 in 1970. More than 300,000 students are in universities and teacher training colleges, while about 29,000 are studying in technical schools. About 10,000 are studying in vocational training centers.

The state provides free education to Saudi citizens and residents and gives financial aid, Of the 290 hospitals in the Kingdom, 176 are health care, accommodation and transport to

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Service of Holy Places

ne Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, its government and its people are proud to serve the Two Holy Mosques of the sacred House of Allah at Mecca and the Mosque of the Prophet (peace be upon him) at Medina, and Haj and Umrah pilgrims and visitors.

King Fahd, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, has carried out the largest expansion of the Two Holy Mosques in their

The expansion increased the area of the Holy Mosque in Mecca from 193,000 square meters (48 acres) to 356,000 square meters, accommodating 773,000 worshippers, up from 410,000. At the time of the Haj and the holy month of Ramadan, capacity of the Holy Mosque increases to accommodate more than a

million worshippers by using surrounding yards and roofs of the mosque.

A similar project has increased the area of the Prophet's Mosque to accommodata 700,000 worshippers (more then one million worshippers during the Haj

The cost of the expanding the Two Holy Mosques has exceeded 70 billion rivals. A printing complex inaugurated by King Fahd in 1985 prints 10 million copies of the Koran yearty.

The Kingdom, in cooperation with the Islamic Bank, has adopted a project for using the meat of animals sacrificed during the Haj season to feed refugees and needy people in Arab and Islamic countries. The project distributes more than 500,000 heads of livestock a year to about 28 countries for their poor.

Protecting The Environment

Kingdom of end implementing develop-Saudi Arabia ac- ment programs and projects to cords great impor- ensure that negative environtance to the protec- mental effects are minimized. tion of environment, in accordance protect endangered animal with Islamic principles, which call for judicious management put into place, and King Fahd and use of natural resources issued a decree in 1986 to that is neither damaging nor overexploitative.

grated policies during planning the natural environment.

A number of programs to and plant species have been form a national commission for wildlife conservation. The four The government has issued main areas of work for the wild-

a body of environmental-pro- life commission are protecting try. tection laws and antrusted a wildlife habitats, developing number of ministries and other rare or threatened wildlife, isgovernmental authorities and suing rules and regulations organizations with the respon-strengthening the protection sibility of the laws' implemen- and development efforts, and tation. The Kingdom has also providing direction and guidpursued balanced and inte- ance in the field of protecting

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King Abdid Asia (19n Sand)



OF THE FOUNDING OF SAUDI ARABIA, WE ALSO CELEBRATE THE CENTENARY BY THE ISLAMIC CALENDAR OF THE RECAPTURE OF RIYADH BY THE EXILED YOUNG IBN SAUD.



توصيد وبخناء

Described by Chambers Encyclopuedia as "the outstanding Arab ruler of his time", Ibn Saud had the trision to bring together the tribes of the Arabian Perinsula in order to forge a single kingdom, found-

ed upon strict adherence to Islam.

Banished was I from the heart of Arabia, Riyadh my home, had been stolen by others; banished was I, and my father and mother. brothers and sisters, deprived of our birthright. Sadness we felt for the years that denied us the feel of the sand of the Nejd in our hands.

Kindness we found in Kuwait beyond measure but kindness alone could not cure the pain of bying in exile, a life without pleasure, for pleasure, not numered in honour, will wither. I knew from the earliest years of my living that I must return to the place of my birth.

They told me that only my death would await me, that fear is a far harsher master than death); they warned of the dangers of crossing the desert hut it was the desert had given me breath. They asked how a lad could recapture a city. when put to the sward what my pride would be worth; such odds left no question what had to be done. I asked how the seed, lying dry in the sand, at the first taste of rain can emerge from the earth.

"Who will ride at my side on this perilous venture? Who will risk life and lunb to expel Al Rashid?" Sixty answered my call, young and brave, one and all. "With all of our strength, we will give what you need; we will stand by your side when the battle is joined until each of us falls or Riyadh is freed."

It was not for the glory we rode from Kawaii; we held buth as our shield and justice our sword, I sought to regain the land of my fathers but in all I deterred to the will of the Lord. We node towards Riyadh with banners unfurled, putting trust in the God who created the world.

Through a cold Ramadan we encamped in the desert; we fasted one month in the village of Haradh. far away from the eyes of those who might think that folly could lead us to try to take Riyadh. When the fasting was over, I summoned my kinsmen: without hesitation they answered my call. Like shadows that slip over sand dunes at sunset we gathered in silence beneath Riyadh's wall.

On that night long ago, when the time came to act. I knew in my heart what it was to be free: the greatest good fortune in life for a man is to know be has reached for the best he can be. Whatever might follow that cold, moonless night, we would know we had fought for a cause that was right.

I chose from my band a mere handful of men: each one read the risks from the look in my eyes. We scaled the walls under cover of darkness: we watched for the sun to put light in the skies. Outnumbered, we knew that our hope of success must depend in the end on our use of Surprise.

In a fight it is true if you strike off the head of a man or an army, the battle is won. We few faced a garrison ready to crush us: The fate of the Amir of Riyadh was sealed. He must die for the wounds of Al Saud to be healed.

When Ajlan, the Amir, appeared in the open. we struck as the lion descends on its prey. Bin Jelawi forced open the gate of the forcess: the rest of the brothers then joined in the fray. The garrison knew that resistance was futile: Al Saud had returned to its home on that day.

Looking back through the decades, the taking of Rivadh was merely one step on a path, hard and long. After many a battle. I put all my heart into building a nation, devout, proud and strong, with justice its sword and faith as its shield. in the land where the message of God was revealed.

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Sex, Lies and Videotape

Clinton Must Own Up

The sound was buzzy, the picture less than crisp and the man at the center looked somehow smaller or at least more ordinary. Eyes blinking, his mouth set in a taut line, President Bill Clinton looked like an ordinary man defending the ordinary lies he had concocted to hide an ordinary affair.

The political bottom line was obvious. The four-hour tape of his Aug. 17 grand jury testimony will not de-stroy Mr. Clinton straightaway, and as an exercise in boil-lancing, it may help him. A contrarian might even argue that this performance, while indisputably one of the most low-rent moments White House history, will do him less harm than the disastrous speech that be delivered later that same day.

The Republican Congress may have voted to broadcast the tape as a hostile partisan act, but the event has served a healthy civic purpose. The Clinton presidency has become such a mess that the public needs to review as much of the evidence as possible in order to respond intelligently to congressinnal demands for resignation or impeachment.

After seeing the tape we continue to favor, for the time being, a negotiated settlement involving censure by Congress, provided that Mr. Clinton abandons, publicly and without qualification, the central contention of bis four-hour marathon in legal evasion. That contention, of course, is that he did not lie under oath about having a sexual relationship with Monica Lew-

insky. Clearly he did,
As a psychological document, the tape was riveting. It showed all the familiar aspects of Mr. Clinton's personality. There was the canny use of burnor, along with winning flashes of charm that even included a lawyerly bow to "Judge Starr" and assertions that he was doing his best to help the

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prosecutors and the grand jury.

As always with Mr. Clinton, there were cued-up ripples of anger at malevolent forces that through no fault of his own were aiming a "wrecking ball" at him. There were new, patently surrealistic elements as well. At times, Mr. Clinton seemed to be suppressing an adolescent pride in enumerating the recycled gifts and tarry grace notes of his clandestine courtship.
When he referred to "Monica" and

her Rockettes blanket, one could almost hear the crockery breaking in the East Wing. Mr. Clinton appeared equally out of touch with what it means to the country to have a presidential paramour

The Course of Justice

The videotape and other materials released Monday having to do with President Clinton's relationship with change the unfortunate fundamentals of the case. The country and its proxy, Congress, are still faced with the same awful dilemma.

By just about any standard but, apparently, his own, the president pretty plainly lied under oath in a court proceeding and repeatedly in public and private thereafter about the nature of his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

To genore that on the various grounds he advances is to lower the bar. We forfeit the right to complain the next time a public official lies because this time we chose to look the other way.

But the constitutional remedy of removal from office, which in the strictest sense he may deserve and which is the only real punishment available, is an enormous step not lightly taken and opens up a prospect that future presidents might be too easily forced from office. The middle course of censure - however claborately contrived -

smacks of a slap on the wrist. The self-indulgence that has been the abiding characteristic of this president's entire career has taken us all to a place where we have no instantly clear good choice. That is the ultimate price he exacts; he drags down the national standards by entwining them

throwing a tantrum in front of White House guards, who are then asked to disappear their normal paperwork.

What was not as evident as the spinners had predicted was the president's famous nose-purpling rage. Indeed, his tight control and forced geniality before the grand jury probably account for the explosion that took place later that evening. It was displaced rage that made Mr. Clinton lash out at the independent prosecutor, Kenneth Starr, on national television, insisting against all logic that the president's account of the Lewinsky affair was "legally correct," and obliterating yet another chance to end his travail and the nation's.

The grand jury tape, like the Aug. 17 speech. showed us yet again a defendant hunkered down behind his lawyers rather than a president seizing control of his political situation and directing his fare.

Analyzed as Clinton biography. what we saw was a hannted man contemplating a blasted presidency and an irretrievably diminished reputation Analyzed from the citizens' point of view, what we now face is a nation contemplating the grandeur of the presidency in contrast to an attractive but documentably dysfunctional per-

Ultimately, we must be more interested in the nation's civics problem than in Mr. Clinton's personal situation. We learned Monday that the electorate will be served by getting.as much evidence out as fast as possible. Even the Democrats who no longer admire him are trying to help Mr. Clin-

ton navigate out of legal jeopardy.

The Republicans who control Congress, fearful of backlash, face both heavy constitutional responsibilities and significant political dangers as they try to judge public reaction to Mr. Clinton's humiliating circumstances.

Although the polis are shifting, a

majority of citizens are still of a mind to muddle through with a largely discredited leader rather than disrupt the nation's anchoring electoral rhythm.

But the settlement implicit in these alignments is not possible if Mr. Clinton continues to demand that we, as a people, endorse his lying. The rule of law is too vital to the future to be sacrificed as a concession to the president's whims, delusions or legal jeop-

Seeing him lie on tape reminds us that on acceptable terms we can afford to be a nation of forgivers. But we must not become a nation of enablers. — THE NEW YORK TIMES.

in his own. He sought to disarm in the videotape; the appearance of candor was used to mask the opposite.

Of course be sought to keep quiet his affair, which be now so regrets, with the White House intern, Who would not? he asks. His suggestion to Ms. Lewinsky was that she deny it - but that was before it became the subject of official proceedings. Once that happened he neither asked nor sought to influence anyone to lie.

Nor, he continued to insist in the taped grand jury testimony, did he lie himself in his deposition in the Paula Jones case. Not technically, given the definition of a sexual relationship that her lawyers used in questioning him and if that produced a misleading result it was not his fault. He had no obligation to help the other side in a politically motivated lawsuit prying into personal behavior.

That is the defense; woe unto us, Mr. Clinton suggests, if in the future the presidency is open to such attacks, and not just the presidency either, he reminds the lesser public officials who must now judge him. Mr. Clinton is right in this much; there is no selfevidently perfect solution to the problem with which bis abdication of responsibility presents us.

Our position continues to be that Congress needs to open a formal impeachment inquiry and decide as that

unfolds what course to take. THE WASHINGTON POST

Other Comment

The President's Ordeal

For those who viewed the tape he was what he has been for them for six years: a good president but a mediocre man, husband and father.

— La Renubblica (Ronce

The disproportion of this groping

investigation into a pathetic and tacky affair defies belief.

— Polly Toynhee, commenting in The Guardian (London).

Broadcasting the video is certainly shocking but the president's attitude as

reported is even more repugnant. – Sueddeutsche Zeitung i Munich i

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EDITORIALS/OPINION

Twin Shocks Will Leave Their Mark on Malaysia

HONG KONG — The detention of Anwar Ibrahim in Malaysia, until

recently deputy prime minister and beir-apparent to Mahathir bin Mohamad, is the most important event in that nation's history since the race riots of May 1969 and could leave an equally indelible mark.

No amount of historical "perspective," which some Malaysians would bring up to play down the event, can

change this view.

The arrest bas come in the aftermath of an almost equally dramatic shift in economic policy, partly closing one of the world's most open, trade-oriented

Together, these shocks jeopardize Malaysia's position as an exemplary developing economy; its reputation for political stability, and its standing in the Islamic world as a role model for a progressive and plural society governed by laws, elections and institutions—not one subject to the whims of autocrats.

There is nothing new in Malaysia about using the Internal Security Act to silence mainstream — not to mention fringe — poliocal opponents. It was used in 1987, mainly against the mostly Chinese opposition Democrade Action Party, and in the 1970s against several ranking members of the United Malays National Organization who were improbably alleged to be Communists. Nor is there anything new in Malaysia about power struggles in the party that rely on slanderous rumors and poison

Mr. Mahathir emerged victorious from two such battles in the late 1980s, against a former finance minister, Razaleigh Hamzah, and against Musa bin Hitam, who was the first of his deputy prime ministers.

But this is the first time that the Internal Security Act and criminal allegadons have been wielded in a in Malaysia as more akin to a struggle among the party elite. It is also American than a Malaysian past.

By Philip Bowring

the first time that such a struggle has spilled onto the streets, and the first time that non-Malays - who make np 45 percent of the population — have felt much affected by the governing

party's feuds. The street involvement by Malays and non-Malays is not necessarily out of love for Mr. Anwar. True, he has wide grass-roots Malay backing at home, and overseas he is admired for his eloquent espousal of liberal Muslim values as well as his support for an open economy.

The arrest of Mr. Anwar may have raised his status to a more heroic plane.

But many non-Malays have long viewed him with misgivings because of his Muslim base and his intellectual rather than commercial - back-

His ideas and eloquence bave not been matched by his achievements as an administrator. His appeals for re-form and his criticisms of crony capitalism are hard to square with some of his own acrions and associates.

But Malaysians of all races have been alarmed by the extreme methods used against someone who nntil recently was presented as Mr. Mahathir's chosen successor.

The confessions of two colleagues of Mr. Anwar to having been sodomized by him are widely viewed as show trials. Fear and tear gas were not a normal part of Malaysian politics. They are now. The abuse of state power is seen in Malaysia as more akin to a Latin

Malaysia's ability to provide smooth successions has now been jeopardized. So has its economy.

Malaysia entered the Asian economic crisis in better shape than its neighbors. It had much less foreign debt and a flexible currency regime. But a series of overreactions leave it facing a much

longer recovery than Thailand.
In the past, Mr. Mahathir's always forceful positions and street fighting talents have mostly served him and the nation well. He provided a dynamism that, be claimed, gentlemanly Malay rulers often lacked.

The medical doctor son of an Indian Mnslim immigrant, he could be more Malay than the Malays. His book "The Malay Dilemma," banned by his pre-

sulting by some Malays.

Expelled from United Malay National Organization in 1969, he came back to lead it through energy and force of personality. His own realism and Malaysian party and state institutions provided a check to some of his more extreme instincts. But at age 73 his judgments look increasingly dibious, if not vindictive. After 17 years at the top, his personal authority has also got the better of the checks and balances built into Malaysia's federal structure and bureaucratic system.

Malaysians are now seeing wby In-donesians have long referred to Mr.

Mahathir as a "mini-Sukarno."

Mr. Anwar's immediate prospects are poor. He is out of the United Malay National Organization and, Mr. Mahathir has a firm grip on the party's hierarchical structure.

Continuous rallies in Mr. Anwar's favor seem unlikely. Kuala Lumpur's low-density population and middle class attitudes work against street acoon. However much Malays may dislike one of their leaders, they are averse

divided among themselves.

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All the races worry about mass ral-lies that might shift the focus from Mr. Anwar to race, or be used to justify a broader use of Internal Security Act

Mr. Mahathir himself looks secure enough for now. But the succession issue is wider open than ever. By disposing of Mr. Anwar so brutally, Mr. Mahathir has reminded people that Mr. Anwar has a far more grass-roots support — and from a younger generation — than do any of the other aspirants to the succession.

The strong reaction to the arrest of Mr. Anwar suggests that his popularity is unlikely to be erased by the lurid decessors, contained some curious ra-cial theories and was viewed as in-

Whatever the circumstances of Mr. Mahathir's eventual departure, his successor is unlikely to inherit his domcessor is unlikely to innerit his dominance of the party. An election is not due for two years, but otherwise time is not on Mr. Mahathir's side.

Much will now depend on the economy. With capital controls, Mr. Mahathir has warned himself.

hathir has wrapped himself in a mantle of economic nationalism.

This should provide a short-term boost to the economy and the stock market. But if recovery is not sustained, more Malaysians will see the controls as having been aimed at protecting crony capitalists from market forces than at protecting Malaysia from

foreign marauders.

To an outsider it may seem strange that the twin shocks of Mr. Anwar's ouster and the capital controls are linked. But they show how closely business and politics in Malaysia have become connected. The economic and polinical situations seem set to continue to feed on each other to the detriment of both,

International Herald Tribune.

Starr Put Clinton and the System to the Stake

BOSTON — Which of us could bear to be questioned By Anthony Lewis

relentlessly by bostile prosecutors about our sexual practices, our sins? That is what I thought s I watched the videotape of President Bill Clinton's grand jury testimony.

It was a tape that should nev er have been shown, one that degraded the United States and not only because of the sexual details on which the prosecutors dwelt. Showing it shattered the norms of privacy that any decent society respects.

It legitimized the would-be moral police who want to pry into all of our bedrooms.

The great Czecb writer Milan Kundera, at a time when his ism, warned of the cost of revealing "intimate life. The pocountries, journalists threaten it in democratic countries, and little by little the people themselves lose their taste for private life and their sense of it.

'Life when one cannot hide from the eyes of others — that is possible - not love, not friendhip."
Of course Mr. Clinton com-

all, as he himself told the prosecutors when he said he would not go into "intensely painful" details. "This has been tough enough already on me and my family," he said, "although I take responsibility for it — I have no one to blame but my-

But his wrongdoing cannot justify the illegiumate process that has come to a hysterical climax in Washington this week: a prosecutor breaking the rules vision corps acting as the pros- expected and released it. ecutor's chorus, partisan Republice destroy it in Communist licans in Congress making a mockery of the notion that conservatives respect institutions.

Kenneth Starr has done things to Mr. Clinton that no ordinary citizen would have to grand jury investigation would have his testimony - one of the mittee these last days with what stake in the Inquisition.

"Without secrecy, nothing is most protected secrets of our legal system - broadcast, Indeed, no other targets would have appeared before the grand mitted the wrongs that started it in jury at all, because Justice Department rules tell federal prosecutors not to call them.

Mr. Starr had deliberately humiliated the first lady by calling her before the grand jury and making her walk through the press mob at the courthouse. To avoid that, the president asked to be questioned at the White House. Mr. Starr agreed - subject to the condition that the event be videotaped. He then gave the tape to the House Judiciary Committee, whose country lived under commun- to destroy the president, a tele- Republican majority did as he

Mr. Starr's bullies intimidatber from calling her lawyer for 10 bours. His office was brazen

in its illicit leaking. As for Congress, it is in-

happened in Watergate. Then, the special prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, sent the committee a briefcase of evidence with no comment, no strident call for impeachment; the contents did not leak and have not leaked to

Broadcasting the videotape further damaged America's standing in the world.

this day. The committee met in private for a long time before holding public hearings. It was deliberate, respectful of process
— and significantly bipartisan.

ed Monica Lewinsky when they ence now is in the press, es- ica Lewinsky in as a witness and first confronted her, keeping pecially television. Today, when you turn on the Sunday television "news" programs, you might be watching Mr. Start's prosecutors rehearsing. suffer. No other target of a structive to compare the per- They sound like a crowd at an formance of the Judiciary Com- auto-da-fé, a burning at the

My colleague Russell Baker has suggested that the TV people, having long ago pre-dicted Mr. Clinton's demise, are furious at the public for not agreeing, and so turn up the heat. Another reason is money. The networks think the way to compete with cable is to play up this irresistible sex story.

I doubt that Mr. Clinton was hurt by the broadcast of the videotape. He looked forlom; be kept his temper more than most of us would. But we were hurt. The video-

tape was one more step in a process that is profoundly anti-constitutional. And it further damaged America's standing in the world. In the end, I do not believe

that the Senate will hold a trial Perhaps the greatest differ- of the president, bringing Monquestioning ber in the well of the Senate. Sex and lying about it are not grounds for impeach-

Instead our system is being dirtied by prosecutorial excess and the politics of leering. The New York Times

Ending the India-Pakistan Feud Starts With Kashmir

TO HILADELPHIA — At their meeting at the United Na-

It's Time for a World Ban

Of Nuclear-Arms Materials

By Hubert Vedrine

DARIS — Following the nuclear tests by India and Pakistan,

which were universally deplored, the foreign ministers of the five

permanent members of the Security Council — the United States,

tests from escalating, reduce the tension between these two coun-

tries and show that the machinery for nuclear arms control had not

Our objective was to prevent the Indian and Pakistani nuclear

In that spirit, I proposed that the time had come to press ahead

argently in the Conference of Disarmament — the multilateral

negotiating body on all disarmament issues composed of 61 states

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produced for nuclear-weapons use.

gress toward international security.

nuclear nonproliferation only if it is universal.

with negotiations on the convention banning the production of

The future ban on the production of fissile material for nuclear

The states party to this convention will ban any further pro-

This agreement will signal progress in the international rules on

Yet three important states have still not joined in a range of

If these three states — all members of the Conference on

Disarmament — pledge to stop producing fissile material for weapons, and if India and Pakistan also accede to the nuclear test-

ban treaty without delay, then there would be considerable pro-

Global Viewpoint (Los Angeles Times Syndicate).

nonproliferation commitments; India, Israel and Pakistan.

weapons will make a vital contribution to nuclear disarmament and

nonproliferation, providing, of course, that it is universal and

duction of fissile material for nuclear weapons. This means that not

Russia, Britain, France and China — met in Geneva on June 5.

The writer is the French minister of foreign affairs.

tions in New York on Wednesday, the prime ministers of India and Pakistan should agree to bilateral talks and restart the process of normalization that was derailed by their nuclear tests in the spring.
The talks should be headed

by political leaders and not by bureaucrats. Each side should nominate a minister or senior adviser to the prime minister and be assisted by officials and

engage in thorough discussions on the Kashmir dispute. But they should understand that movement on the fundamental legal and political issues relating to Kashmir is unlikely in the near future.

Kashmir-related issues - terrorism, military presence, buover Siachin glacier — although difficult, is possible. Kashmir should not be "set

man rights, the border dispute Both sides should agree to aside." (Pakistan's concern).

mir "working group" as In-dia's abandoning its position on the disputed territory. The discussions on Kashmir should be long, hard and determined. They will be tackling a seemingly intractable issue.

Each side should understand that the other would adhere to its established position on Kashmir: India maintains that Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian union; Pakistan wants adherence to United Nadons resoludons calling for a plebiscite in Kashmir.

Both sides should also recognize that the path of India-Pakistan relations is laden with pitfalls — communal riots, bomb-biast accusations, security agency excesses and aggressive statements by government leaders.

These should not be allowed to derail the process; these development should be curbed but

regarded as inevitable. India must recognize that any movement on confidencebuilding measures is seen in Pakistan as progress in areas of choice for India without first resolving the Kashmir dispute. The feeling in Pakistan is that confidence cannot be built until another gram of plutonium or highly enriched uranium will be the core issue is resolved. Chinese have now dwindled

Therefore, even confidencebuilding measures that are beneficial to both countries cannot be pushed forward in a tensionladen atmosphere.

Perhaps a better term to replace the term "confidencebuilding measure" in the India-Pakistan context is "vital economic necessines."

Normalization between the in Lancashire many of the fair

trade, energy, especially the sale of electric power by Pakistan to India and a joint gas pipeline through Pakistan to India; communications, and infrastructure improvement un-

dertaken jointly. These other issues should also be discussed by political leaders as part of an ongoing attempt to ease tension and reachagreement: Visas and easing travel restrictions; contacts in sports and cultural areas; treatment of diplomats and vishave developed some of the modern accourrements of Now they must demonstrate that they have the will and the sagacity to act as stabilizing na-

oons in a region beset with

The writer is a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. She contributed this comment to the International

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

danger.

Herold Tribune.

PEKING — An imperial edict has been issued, announcing that the Emperor has resigned

his power to the Dowager-Empress. Its was probably the recent reformatory edicts of the Emperor which were the cause of his deposition. The consequence of the change will be considerable. In all probability Li-Huang-Chang will be reinstated and the result of his return to power will be an increase of Russian influence. Hopes of the reforms so ardently desired by the intelligent portion of the

1923: 'Ankle Shows'

LONDON — The great popularity of the "ankle shows," as a feature at dances, fairs and even some church entertainments, has finally aroused a number of the clergy. At a dance

1898: Emperor Ousted sex were anxious to compete for the handsome prizes and the masculine element was keenly, expectant, but local minister protested, and the ankle show" was not held. The "ankle show" has lately been one of the greatest attractions at charitable functions in the provinces.

1948: Red Africa

CAPETOWN - South Africa's hatred of Communism has lined her up solidly with the Western powers despite the anti-British feeling of some leaders in her new Nationalist government. Watching Communism spread among the natives of southeast Asia the South African whites are worried about a possible red drive among the millions of Afnican natives. Defense Minister Franz C. Erasmus said that South Africa would not remain neutral in any clash with Com-munism, "We shall support the Western powers," he declared.

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By Shirin Tahir-Kheli two countries has now become itors; exchanges of journalists, exactly that - a question of educators, technicians; narcotlage 561, 727 Nor should there be talk of economic survival. ics control, and bealth and fambreakthroughs or gloating over Thus, apart from Kashmir. St. 14 . 16 . 10 . . . ily planning. the following vital economic minor, agenda-related achieve-The prime ministers should necessities should be disments suggesting a dilucion of review and restrict security India's stand on Kashmir (India's concern). Talks in1997 agency activity related to India-Formal dialogue on nuclear Pakistan relations. Excess and broke down over India's reacand missile issues to include propensity toward maverick action to Pakistani pronounce-However, movement on doctrine and arms control, setion should be reined in. ments that characterized an curity and demilitarization; Nuclear weapons tests signaled that India and Pakistan agreement to establish a Kash-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Judging the Testimony and Its Play

What happened between President Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky was not criminal, but what Mr. Clinton did when questioned about the matter before a duly empowered court of law was illegal. The president is the highest officer of the law, and therefore has obligations even higher than the ordinary to respeci the laws of the land, whether he likes them or not, no matter how embarrassing or uncomfortable compliance may be.

It now has been established beyond any reasonable doubt that Mr. Clinton committed perjury, suborned witnesses, obstructed justice, and misused the enormous powers of his office as well as employees of the gov-

ernment for personal purposes. If the president escapes responsibility for his illegal actions; so carefully, freshly and irrefutably documented, the door will be open to acrivity that has no limit

ROGER L. MARKLEY. Rignat, France.

I am disappointed and em-barrassed by Mr. Clinton's lapse of judgment in his personal life and his sad efforts to defend himself. I am more disturbed by the spectacle presented by the

Congress of my country.
The president's actions must now reverberate in his conscience and in his relationship with his family. The demeanor of the Congress and its majority, however, suggests that it is not equal to this moment in history and the position of

America in the world at this time - a tragic circumstance.

Having seen the video of the president's testimony. I feel be handled himself well under difficult circumstances, a skill for which we Americans twice elected him to office. To move loward impeachment on these grounds is Iudicrous.

As an expatriate I have not been politically active in the past, but now I intend to support every effort in the coming congressional elections to change the current situation and bring this sorry episode to a fair and speedy conclusion. JOHN PATRICK THOMAS.

Hamburg.

At a time when there are pressing problems on the world agenda, the international community needs American leadership - not on X-rated videotapes about the U.S. president's personal problems flashed into every bousehold and circulated on the Internet. Only the American people can stop this madness. May reason prevail -- not just for Bill Clinton's sake but for the world community.

KARL H. PAGAC. Villeneuve-Loubet, France.

As a fawyer having watched Mr. Clinton's grand jury testi-mony, it is clear to me that he neither lied nor did anything for which be should resign or be impeached. Mr. Clinton followed his lawyers' advice and answered exactly the questions Kenneth Starr and the other

> demned for them and trying to keep them secret, where has freedom gone? And will it ever

to reveal in detail his or ber

sexual secrets and then con-

prosecutors asked him. Put

simply, Paula Jones's counsel and Mr. Start were ineffective

at phrasing their questions, and

Mr. Clinton outsmarted them The country, the economy the

Constitution, President Clinton

and the office of the presidency

have suffered enough due to Mr. Starr and other anni-Clinton Re-

publicans. That minority should

not be allowed to upset the 1996 election and the will of the

DONALD CENNAMO.

Honesty while on the wit-

ness stand is what the U.S.

justice system rests on. It is

time for the president to be re-

moved from office and pun-

ished. To let this crime go un-

punished would send a

Before the Starr report was

delivered to Congress, the Re-publicans pledged to handle the

forthcoming investigation of President Clinton in a strictly

bipertisan manner. Their haste

in put the videotape of the pres-

ident's grand jury testimony into public circulation reveals, on the

contrary, their single-minded

determination to drag the pres-

ident back and forth through the

mud. No other purpose is served

Neuilly sur-Seine, France.

If a person can be compelled.

JAMES McINTOSH.

RICHARD RUBIN.

by this unfortunate decision.

Nyon, Switzerland.

dangerous message to all.

PAUL LUEDTKE.

Stuttgart

American people.

Waterford, Connecticut. After the peep show, I'm voting Democratic in November. JAMES GREENSTREET. Cupertino, California.

To allow the showing of Mr. Clinton's interrogation on television is by European standards an obnoxious and base attack on law and democracy, degrading the population to voyeurism. Why must a leader who cannot be re-elected be de-

stroyed in such a brutal way? NATACHA BOBBIO. Küsnacht, Switzerland.

Does "legally accurate"

mean, imply, suggest or even resemble "the truth, the whole Clinton is peerless. His pertruth, and nothing but the truth?' MELANIE FEAKINS.

But the horn and the tape deck still work."

Oxford, England.

Ms. Lewinsky was a very willing participant in this affair, and in light of the evidence one wonders about her motives. I don't know a single woman who would keep a dirty dress hanging in her closet.

I voted for Mr. Clinton twice

and would do so again. He has the interests of his country in mind and takes them to beart far more than other parties do. What kind of nation wants to destroy its leader? If we Americans have anything to do, it is to offer assistance to him as a fellow human in personal distress.

KAREN E DECTER.

I bope the American people treat this video with the contempt it deserves and let their president get on with his work. W. TEGISCHER LIENZ. Tyrol, Austria.

formance was seamless. Starr was relentless and

shameless. His case proved to be legless. Now we all know the whole thing was pointless.

The press was gutless and spineless, not to mention heartless and soulless. The trash they put out was rasteless and mindless. Thirty-six percent of the public was brainless, even clueless. Now the Republicans have

to prove their libidos are flameless, their consciences stainless, their roorals flawless, and their reputations spotless. They will have to stop being

so witless. This will prove

hopeless. The result will be LINDA DEAK. Wassenaar, Netherlands.

Belfast Will Be Just Wonderful Without the 'Head Down' Rule

By Kathleen A. Quinn

BELFAST — In a city known for its political violence, I've found generous neighbors and good friends.

I am an American living in Northern Ireland. I first came here six years ago while on sabbatical. As soon as I could, I quit my job as an English professor and.

MEANWHILE

with no job prospects, moved here permanently. I five in a mixed area - with both Roman Catholics and Protestants as my neighbors — just off Ormeau Road. Normally it's a quiet place. But not always. Periodically it appears in the news as the site of sbootings or riots. Loyalists riot if the Orangemen are not allowed to march down Ormeau Road, and republicans riot if they are.

Last year my daughter and son-in-law were visiting and got caught between rioters setting fire to cars and soldiers moving in to quell the riot. A few months before that, a friend and I sat in my living room, watching on the television as rioters on our corner threw gasoline bombs, bricks and stones at the police.

Sometimes the problems are less dramatic. When the curbs on a nearby street were painted red and white and blue the colors of the British flag, in signify a Protestant area — I angrily gathered leftover cans of paint to color my own curb pink and turquoise and brown and peach. I wanted to make a statement myself: "Look how ridiculous this is." Neighbors stopped me, warning that I would have a brick through my window if I was lucky - or a gasoline bomb if I wasn'ı --- before the paint had dried.

"Whatever you say, say nothing" is one local motto. "Keep your head down" is another. So I keep my head down. At least in public.

I teach mainly writing and literature to adults in schools and community centers throughout the city. My students come from both sides of the community. In other words, some are Catholic and others Protestant. What they have endured is almost beyond imagination.

Several of them have had their homes burned down, some more than once. One woman's son lost an eve when he was hit by a plastic bullet; he was standing in her living room when it came through the window. Another, caught in a cross fire when she was pregnant, was sbot in the leg. A third had gone to school with an off-duty policeman who was beaten to death - and with the loyalists who beat him. A fourth lost a son when the bomb he was making exploded. A fifth had a brother-in-law on hunger strike. Many have been in prison; all have relatives or friends who have been in prison.

Their stories go on and on. So why do I live here? It's not the weather. It doesn't just rain here. It pours; it lashes; it buckets. It is often, as the locals say, desperate.

It's certainly not because of the extremists who are so overwhelmed by the hatred of centuries that they think it's their patriotic duty to shoot or beat or bomb or maim. And it most assuredly is not because of those political figures who officially keep their own hands clean while twisting Biblical verses to whip their followers into frenzies of fear and loathing. They are evit.

I live here because of the rest of the people. The neighbor who brought his fiddle to my Thanksgiving dinner so we could have music. The young Protestara man who speni four hours in a pub with me one afternoon to make sure I understood his cultural identity. The friends who sang songs in Gaelic or recited poems or inld stories at my 50th-birthday party. The students in my lrish-studies class who spent an hour arguing with each other about the existence of rairies. The woman who gave me a bicycle. The people who filled my new house with their furniture. The young woman who helped me strip wallpaper and pretended it was fun. The news ageni who lends me books because she knows that I love mysteries as much as she does.

It is because of these people -- with their incredible warmth and friendliness, their black humor and their generosity of spirit - that I love it here. It is also because of the beauty of Northern Ireland - the mystical, lush landscape of the countryside and the unmistakable red-brick Victorian architecture of Belfast. It is because it is a safe place for women. Belfast may be the only city in the Western world where women have traditionally been safer on the streets than men, since men were chosen as random targets of sectarian violence.

Of course, there are the Troubles. But those of us who live here go on with our normal lives. Maybe I am keeping my head down right now. But if you look closely, you can see there's a smile on my face. It has been there since the parties representing the unionist-loyalist and nationalist-republican traditions agreed to work together in a new Assembly.

We never thought it would happen. but it did. Our polincians finally looked away from the past and toward the future. Our future. Our children's futures. Any day now, my head will come op. And whatever I say, whatever we all say, it will be something. And the sound of peace will be heard, ecboing throughout the six counties of Northern Ireland.

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world economics or way-over-there trivialities like peace in Israel would be a reach. But we Americans are with them. They should give us an e-mail address, 24 hours and two or no. and (2) Would you rather see (a) Congress impeach the

It's time lawmakers took a walk outside the Beltway, and not just among their tight little groups of hometown constituents. CAROL ALLEN.

this titillating "work," having to hunker down to boring

questions to answer: (1) Do you want to know anything more about the Monica Lewinsky-Bill Clinton inquisition - yes president; (b) Congress censor the president; (c) The president resign: (d) Congress stand the president up against the wall of the Oval Office and shoot him; or (e) Other - please

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PM Dawn, neither machine-made nor vituperative: They don't scream in your face, they whisper in your ear.

Christian Rap: An Oxymoron?

By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribun

ARIS — When the group PM Dawn first came out with spiritual raps 12 years ago, its members found that they had encouraged preachers of many denominations to say things like: "Wow! Christian rappers. See? You can be cool and be a

A Christian rap group? Is this an oxy-moron or what? PM Dawn is neither macbine-made nor vituperative. It doesn't scream in your face, it whispers in your ear. It is made up of Prince Be, or B, and his brother DJ Minutemix a.k.a. JC/The Elernal, depending on which year and album you're referring to. They were born and raised in Jersey City as Attrell and Jarrett Cordes.

PM Dawn's fourth and latest album. "Dearest Christian," which comes out in October, is more adult-oriented than the others, and it carries the dedication: "I'm so very sorry for bringing you here, Love, Dad." At the time, Prince Be was busy asking himself, "What's wrong with this place?" "Christian" is the name of bis 4-year old son.

He learned that he was also the father of twins in January, when the hospital called the studio in the middle of a recording session. "You should have seen the look on his face," IC said with brotherly com- ful and the voices are urgent, breathless, passion. "All of a sudden he had this huge responsibility. I knew it was heavy,'

Three kids, not one," Prince Be thought. He could "no longer use music record is just in the wrong bin, a misas a vent." Now it would have to be "a placement of product. Or it might be an rental guidance sticker on "Dearest

bad to deal with reality, even though I prefer fantasies. I prefer 'Alice in Wonderland' to 'Riot in Cellblock H.'

PM Dawn's previous albums were about fantasies: "We bad a song called 'Reality Used to Be a Friend of Mine.' It couldn't stay fantasy anymore because it was not just about me anymore,"

He had felt like apologizing to the kids, and that is on the album too: "They weren't really thought out, planned out. it wasn't for their good. I didn't say this is a nice world to bring kids into. It was pretty egotistical on my part. But now that they're here they got to eat. I'm not allowed to not deal with reality any "Our

'Misery in Utero' is a sad song: 'I've got enough batred to last me a lifetime." He's always bad an "awful reladonsbip" with bis parents. He wanted to figure out bow it got so bad: "I didn't want my kids and I to end up hating each other. I didn't want to make

the same mistakes my parents made."
What's this? Family Values rap? Although PM Dawn markets its product as rap, if comparisons must be made it sounds more like a cross between Michael Jackson and the Beatles (with touches of Prince and even the Beach Boys, if you can believe it) than Ice-T. It's all derivative, but the tunes are tunecaressing and sincere.

What does an acoustic guitar have to stoop listening to he do with rap? Never mind, maybe the can sing," they said. tool for dealing with reality. It was time outright misnomer. When you get right Christian.

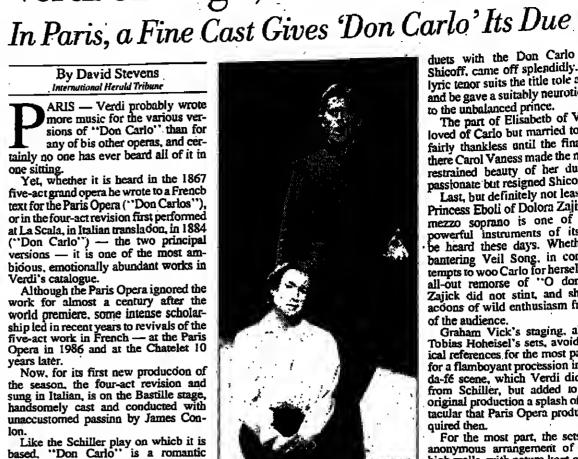
to take a closer look. I had no choice. t down to it, who cares? If this is what rap has come to sound like, God bless.

Their bio describes their sound: "Melodic soul, jazzy guitar solos, and sometimes just finger snaps with acousne guitars and voice can help smooth over some patches of life a dark, bumpy road." Amen. It quotes the press about their previous album, "Jesus Wept": Giving it four stars, Rolling Stone called

it "pillow-soft pop, moody psychedelia"; the Los Angeles Times said, simply: "Groundbreaking." And the respected critic Dave Marsh said, "It has the rich intensity of 'Revolver', " by the

"Our songs could fit anywhere --pop, rap; R&B," said Prince Be. "A loi of rap artists did not know how to deal with this sort of thing. It got confusing for people." Rap has been growing in popularity and crossing over every which way to reach more and more kinds of kids in different places and of different races and classes. Something must have been added along the way - new branches, styles and subject matter. Lauren Hill and the Fugees feature sweet-talking R&B. PM Dawn seems to be next.

The more you think about and bear it, the more you wonder wby it didn't happen earlier. In the context of contemporary American culture, why not spiritual rap? Attrell and Jarrett's mother sang gospel in their living room in Jersey City and neighborhood kids sat on the stoop listening to her. "Your ma sure



Verdi on High, and Low, Notes

Neil Shicoff, kneeling, and Vladimir Chernov in "Don Carlo.".

Samuel Ramey, in resonant vocal form, was convincing as the anguished monarch, and he was joined by a blackvoiced Kristinn Sigmundsson, as the extremely aged and blind Grand Inquisitor (the symbolism is intentional) in their great, all-bass, cburch-state confronta-

Vladimir Chernov brought a relatively light baritone to the music of the

duets with the Don Carlo of Neil Shicoff, came off splendidly. Shicoff's lyric tenor suits the title tole admirably. and be gave a suitably neurotic intensity to the unbalanced prince.

Pledge of Best Efforts The part of Elisabeth of Valois, berestrained beauty of her duet with a passionate but resigned Shicoff.

Last, but definitely not least, was the Princess Fhollows.

Princess Eboli of Dolora Zajick, whose mezzo soprano is one of the most powerful instruments of its kind to be heard these days. Whether in the bantering Veil Song, in confused at-tempts to woo Carlo for herself, or in the all-out remorse of "O don fatale," Zajick did not stint, and she got reaccous of wild enthusiasm from much of the audience.

Graham Vick's staging, along with Tobias Hoheisel's sets, avoided historical references for the most part, except for a flamboyant procession in the autoda-fé scene, which Verdi did not take from Schiller, but added to give the original production a splash of the spectacular that Paris Opera productions required then.

For the most part, the sets were an anonymous arrangement of space by high walls, with nature kept outside the scene of action and perceived only vaguely through the occasional translucent picture window. The overbearing symbol of a cross was constantly present in one form or another.

Vick also took a stab at creating a more realisoc final scene to replace the usual mystifying appearance of Charles
V (or a monk who looks like the former
emperor, Philip's dead father) to protect Carlo from the Inquisition.

Instead Carlo, standing in his grandfather's cross-shaped tomb, is skewered by soldier's pikes, cheating the Inqui-sition by death, while the consoling voice of the monk/emperor (the excellent improbably idealistic Rodrigo, and his Franz Hawlata) is heard from offstage.

In London, an Unheroic 'Otello'

By George W. Loomis

tragedy set in the gloomy court of Philip

II of Spain. Some of the characters are

historical, but this is not history. It is a set

of interlocking emotional triangles com-

plicated by notions of political freedom

that would be totally out of place in 16th-

century Spain.

One of the distinctive things about

"Don Carlo," and a reason for its dark musical bues, is that the deeper voices

predominate. Had the original tenor not

been so inadequate, the title role would

doubtless have been more prominent,

but even so this is a work that primarily

belongs to the basses, the baritone and

the mezzo soprano. There are not many

operas with a quartet that dispenses with

ONDON - With the situation at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, going from bad to Unfortunately, its first new production of the season, Verdi's 'Otello,' was not

an occasion for much rejoicing.

David Freeman's decision to set the opera in a contempotary military compound seemed plausible enough during by the time of the first-act love duet -Verdi's music.

Verdi's music.
Phillips's aluminum fences and coiled barbed wire remained stubbornly in place for the entire evening, creating a visual monotony that the varying shades of Richard Riddell's lighting could do little to alleviate. Otello degrades Desdemona in many ways, but consigning her to exposed sleeping quarters in this uninviting place seemed as unseemly as anything except, of course, the final act of strangulation.

And it didn't belp to probe too deeply the implications of the modern setting. Who was this guy waging a Mediter-ranean assault against the Turks? More likely the leader of some Middle Eastern splinter group, one would guess, than the revered warrior of a great empire.

Once be thought up with the idea of a present-day "Otello," Freeman found

nowhere to go with it.

performance had a lot to admire. The —some long overdue—in negotiations 👼 conductor, Paul Daniel, moved the mu-next month. Then last weekend came sic along at a smart pace yet missed few news that labor unrest concerning boof the score's furious outbursts or tender nuses and working conditions threatens passions. David Rendall scored impres- further delay in the renovations. sively with his first Otello, summoning beyond him. His was a fully formed portrayal, gripping in its intensity.

Susan Bullock's handsomely sung Desdemona had the right vocal weight and was always artfully phrased. But Freeman seemed determined to make the frenzy of the opening storm scene her into an un remarkable, middle-class and the drunken brawl that follows. But figure, and Phillips's unflattering cosher into an un remarkable, middle-class tumes seconded the effort. An ideal Iago i.e., just when the emotional power of will be sung with more mellifluous the opera begins to take hold — one venom than Robert Hayward brought to sensed a mismatch between Tom Phil-lips's sets and the heroic sentiments of served him well. Mark Le Brocq was an able Cassio.

pany's special character, a character so ists who claim London can support only

one major opera company.
Yet the mismanaged and temporarily bomeless - but artistically vital - Royal Opera sometimes seems headed for self-destruction.

Two weeks ago it was announced that after January all performances would be suspended until December 1999, when renovacions to the house are expected to be completed; thereafter they will be cut

Who will be left to return at that time should not be allowed to lose. remains to be seen. The chorus will be disbanded, and the orchestra and staff More's the pity because musically the shrunk and forced to make concessions based in Moscow:

It's no wonder that the board, which worse, operagoers here will reserves of vocal power that one familiar has gone through four chief executives doubtless turn in greater numbers to the English National Opera for sustenance. In the 1980s would have thought time finding still another new managehas gone through four chief executives in the last 22 months, is having a tough ment team. Most recently it has looked to the United States.

Michael Kaiser, executive director of the New York-based American Ballet Theater, signed on last week as executive director, and the board is apparently still. pursuing Sarah Billinghurst, the No. 2 artistic person at the Metropolitan Opera, though she has said she would only ac-

ECAUSE the company will remain dependent on large subsidies from the British governsung in a new English translation by Phillips, at least demonstrated the company's special characters. event. The new management will need adroit political skills to ensure that different from Covent Garden's that one contrary to the situation in the United instinctively reacts against those defeat- States - a broad consensus supports using government money for opera.

All this when the company is gearing up for two complete performances of Wagner's 'Ring' cycle — one in the Albert Hall, the other in Birmingham both under its eminent musical director. Bernard Haitink, who has been curiously

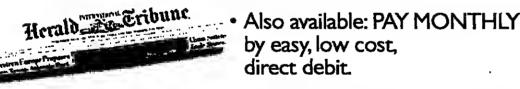
silent during the recent turbulence.

It's probably wishful thinking to suppose that a stirring performance of Wagner's masterpiece will help inspire new efforts to sustain a company London

George W. Loomis is o music writer

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The Year's Best and Bleakest Farce

By Sheridan Marley International Herald Tribun

ONDON -- Not since John Osborne's "The Entertainer," and that has been all of 40 years, have we had a play that deals as lethally or as brilliantly with the moment in a comic's life when the raised eyebrow and the fixed grin become a death mask. Terry Johnson's "Cleo, Camp-ing, Emmanuelle and Dick" (directed

by the author on the Lyttleton stage of the National) is the best and bleakest comedy of the year, and one that deals with the real lives, insofar as they ever had them, of the three principal stars of the "Carry On" sequence of 30 or so low-budget screen farces shot

between 1956 and 1978. tired and repetiove as the real lives of perform: Barbara Windsor is watching her jealous busband go to jail for armed robbery, and Sid James — be of the dirty laugh and the need to molest every girl who comes through his dressing-room

ones that bis cast is ostensibly shooting, Orton — is to capture that borderline but also to focus on the reality that inside moment when it all starts to come apart every comic is a deeply sad and disturbed being trying to get out and con-front a world that only wants to make

There are better laughs here than in all the "Carry On" movies put together.

him unhappy as only a comic can be. The casting here is wonderful. Adam Godley's Kenneth Williams may from time to time drift dangerously close to Stanley Baxter, another comic hero of the period, but be has perfectly caught Kenneth's constantly wounded pride. Samantha Spiro's Barbara Wil-

liams is also an amazingly lookalike-soundalike creation — the only one of the comics Johnson treats with any real love or respect for her genuinely good nature. Kenneth MacDon-

ald as the heavy sent by her gangster husband to keep an eye on ber affair with By the time we join the cast and crew Sid may be little more than a thug from backstage midway through the series, central casting, but Jacqueline Defferary things are beginning to fall apart both on as the dresser who can never quite man-and off the set. Scripts are already as daughter, and Gina Bellman as Imo Hasthose who have to play them; Kenneth sall are beartbreaking in their attempt to Williams is already suicidally gloomy crack Sid's armory of despairing about the work he is being forced to laughter. But the central figure, Geoffrey Hatchings, in the performance of the evening and his career, gives us a Sid James that is breathtaking in its accuracy of impersonation and understanding of an unhappy man who would go any-

moment when it all starts to come apart at the seams.

but behind them all lies the real agony of people who were literally dying for a laugh. Johnson's play is as potent a lament for the end of the "Carry On" era as was "The Entertainer" for the end of music hall, and in its own way manages to capture a moment in British showbiz history when it too was consumed by hatred for itself and its audience.

Say what you like about current stand-up comedy, it will never give us the giants of the old knockabout farces, nor their ability to turn a laugh not just on a dime, but on the twist of a knife in their own backs. If you want to see how and where and why true British comedy committed its own lingering, gasping suicide, this great tragicomedy tells it the way it was and never will be again.

At the Bush, but only until the end of next week, "Love Upon the Throne" is also a deeply funny and anarchically touching slice of contemporary life, this one based on the doomed marriage of Charles and Diana up to the moment of their parting. As played by the entire cast of the Royal Nanonal Theatre of Brent. Dr. Desmond Oliver Dingle and his hardworking associate Raymond Box who comes through his dressing to the door — has already seen a vision of the death that awaits him, a death presaged the few people who genuinely loved or understood him.

The behavior who comes through ms dressing-room an unnappy man thought associate kaymond Box door — has already seen a vision of the where for a laugh except into the arms of (Patrick Barlow and John Ramm), they The idea of the clown with the beart of alien culture, and once again their pro-

Johnson's genius bere, as in his earlier sheer misery is not exactly a new one, found sadness is the cause of all our "Dead Funny," has been to construct a stage farce far funnier than any of the stage farce farce far funnier than any of the stage farce farc KONOMIC SCENE

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Clinton Gets A Pledge of **Best Efforts** From Japan

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NEW YORK - Prime Minister Keizo Ohuchi of Japan said he was "neither optimistic nor pessimistic" about the chances of restructuring Japan's banking and finance systems, raising only lukewarm hopes for a start on dealing with Asia's economic weakness after a meeting Tuesday with Presideot Bill Clinton.

The leaders discussed economic issues at a meeting in New York that had been scheduled as a social occasion. The Japanese economy, which is in recession this year after oearly a decade of sluggish growth, is hindering the ability of other Asian countries to recover from

financial crises that began last year. Washington has called for Tokyo to support its banks by pumping public money into otherwise insolvent institutions after wiping out the value of their stockholders' shares, as well as increasing public spending and cutting taxes to stimulate its economy. In Tokyo, however, plans to deal with nearly \$1 urillion of bank debts were unraveling this week as a coalition of opposition parties sought harsher terms for dealing with the ailing Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan Ltd. than Mr. Obuchi supports.

Mr. Obuchi said many people in Japan "realize this is not only an issue in Japan hut something that has major implications oo the economies of Asia as well as the whole world." Because of this international aspect, he said, he was making his "very best efforts to address this issue" and was "coovinced" the country would be able to do so.

lo a brief appearance with Mr. Obuchi, Mr. Clinton downplayed American pressure on Japan.

'Japan is a very great country," be said, "with a strong, sophisticated econ-omy and immensely talented people." He added: "I think there is virtually

unanimous support in the world for the kind of financial reforms that would restore economic growth in Japan."

Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said Mr. Clinton had not set a deadline for action and that the Japanese leader had not promised specific moves. But he said Mr. Obuchi had "made it clear that it was his intention to take appropriate measures to secure an early ound in the Japanese economy," Bloomberg News and Reuters reported.

Michael McCurry, the White House press secretary, said the meeting between Mr. Clinton and Mr. McCurry had been scheduled as a 10-minute social visit but said the two leaders had extended it to an hourlong discussion about trade.

Mr. Clinton also invited Mr. Obuchi to pay a state visit early next year.



The Body Shop in Manhattan. The British company has struggled to stay in business in the United States.

Why U.S. Is a Hard Sell for U.K. Stores

Vastness of Marketplace and Real Estate Errors Stymie British Retailers

started by opening in a few markets, backed by venture capital money. Once

the stores gain acceptance, the retailer

moves quickly — often after a suc-cessful public offering or after being

bought out — by sprinkling new stores around the nation's malls and down-

town shopping districts like so many

venture capital community focused on the retail industry," said Henry Jackson, a managing director at Peter J. Solomon.

an investment bank that specializes in retailing. "It is a very different husiness culture in U.K. They have had very few

examples of entrepreneurship in retail,

and from the standpoint of venture cap-

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Habitat, which began in Britain in

In addition, British merchants often

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"In the U.S., there is a very active

By Jennifer Steinhauer New York Times Service.

NEW YORK - If it is true, as everyone from Adam Smith to Disraeli and Napoleon has said, that the British are a nation of shopkeepers, why can't they keep shop more successfully in Amer-

The language is the same and, on the surface anyway, consumer tastes seem similar enough - both nations, for example, embraced the Spice Girls with unfathomable zeal.

What is more, London has been a locus of hip, with its fashion designers basking in the international limelight and stores like Saks Fifth Avenne importing British cool for their shelves. One success story is that of the Virgin

Group, which started with an airline and has added music stores, a soft drink, various entertainment media and now even clothes as part of its U.S. op-But for most British merchants, the

bop across the pond has not been easy. Many have tried their hand in the United States and failed, like Habitat, a housewares chain that is now defunct, and Next, a trendy clothing store.

Others made a splash and then struggled mightily, most notably Laura Ashley Holdings PLC, which has been through management turmoil in the last two years, and Body Shop International PLC, which was recently forced to form a joint venture with Bellamy Retail Group LLC to stay in business in the United States after bleeding cash for years.

The reasons are many, ranging from Americans' desire for a bargain to real estate mistakes by British retail companies. And then there is the sheer vastness of the U.S. marketplace, where the mall a natural export for the United States is king and competition can upset the years later, two home-grown chains, the market in the time it takes to finish Pottery Barn and Crate and Barrel, have had wild success bere with fairly in-What English companies don't unexpensive, trendy hoosewares.

But Habitat put one of its Manhattan stores in Midtowo, in the Citicorp derstand is that America is a much more dynamic marketplace and much more competitive than the U.K.," said Ranjit Building oo East 53d Street, an ex-Singh, a former vice president of business pensive site that was bardly a spot for development for Body Shop who now casual hrowsing. Similarly pricey spots were chosen in Philadelphia, Washingruns a food business in London. "You have to have deep pockets to roll out a concept very quickly there, and have a ton and Boston, and most stores had trouble generating enough in sales to very aggressive marketing strategy."
High-growth U.S. retailers tend to get support the rent.

Marks & Spencer PLC, a national institution where half the population of England buys its underwear, opened stores in Canada 25 years ago and learned an expensive lesson: it is very hard to translate that feeling to another nation of consumers who already have their favorite place to buy basic necessities. We made a big mistake trying to

take a British retailer to Canada," Chris Littmoden, the company's chief executive for North American operations. "They saw us as a bit old-fash-

Murdoch-Led Group To Take Kirch Stake

Investors Include Prince Walid and Mediaset

MONTE CARLO - Rupert Murdoch, the Saudi investor Prince Walid ibn Talal and Mediaset SpA plan to buy as much as 25 percent of Kirch Group, Germany's second-largest media com-pany, for about \$2 hillion, Prince Wal-'s adviser said Tuesday.

The project also involves reorganizing Kirch and selling shares in the company, said Tarak Ben Ammar, who is also a Mediaset board member. Mediaset is Italy's largest private broadcaster. A

Kirch spokesman declined to comment.
Linking np with Kirch would create
Europe's biggest television alliance,
covering Italy, Germany, Spain and Britain, and create an entity able to compete with major U.S. networks in creating television programs. Mr. Murdoch and Mediaset would get a footbold in the potentially locrative German market, Europe's largest, with more than 33 million households.

"They oow have an opportunity to get in the market because of Kirch's financial weakness," said Laurent Carozzi, a media analyst at Paribas in Loodon.

The privately held German company, which coopols a digital-TV venture, DF1, the SAT1 commercial channel and the DSF sports channel, has debt of about 3 hillion Deutsche marks (\$1.78 hillion), analysts said. Leo Kirch, the company's founder, has said that DF1 has lost about 1.4 billioo DM since it began broadcasting in 1996 and has attracted only a quarter of the customers it expected to have.

Prince Walid's strategy is closely watched, as he has made well-timed investments in distressed companies in the past. He has stakes in Citicorp, Euro

Disney SCA and Apple Computer Inc.
Fedele Confaionieri, the Mediaset chairman, said the alliance would focus on commercial television financed by advertisements rather than on pay television. If the alliance goes forward, it will not be affected by the plans of Telecom Italia SpA, RAI SpA and Mr. Murdoch to form a pay-TV venture in Italy, he said.

Prince Walid's role will be that of an investor, even though the Murdoch-Kirch-Mediaset alliance could eventually cooperate with ART, the Arab satellite-television venture in which the prince's Kingdom Holdings owns 30

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percent, Mr. Bez Ammar said. 'How often do you find an important group like Kirch that wants to open up to friendly shareholders?" Mr. Ben Ammar said. "This is a great investment opportunity."

Prince Walid, Mr. Murdoch and Mediaset, which is controlled by Silvio Berlusconi, a former Italian prime minister, have already decided to invest in the German company and are now dis-cussing the financial details, Mr. Ben Ammar said. It is not clear how the Kirch stake would be distributed and through which company Mr. Murdoch would make the investment, he said. The current economic slowdown and currency devaluations in Asia are prompting Mr. Murdoch to turn his attention to

Europe, Mr. Ben Ammar said. Mr. Murdoch's News Corp., which owns the Fox TV channel in the United States and controls British Sky Broadcasting PLC, Britain's biggest pay-TV

company, also has TV ventures in Asia. The investment in Kirch is Mr. Murdoch's latest effort to gain a foothold in Germany after two failures. BSkyB has formed separate television alliances with both Kirch and Bertelsmann AG in the past three years that have collapsed amid disagreemeots on terms and strategy.

Maurizio Carlotti, the Mediaset chief executive, said the operation would be a base for a higger "industrial" alliance.
"The real challenge is to set up a European network that would compete and not just survive," he said.

Mediaset will invest only part of its 800 billion lire (\$481.4 million) in cash reserves in the German company, speoding the rest on improving production and distribution facilities, officials said.

Mediaset was listed on the stock market two years ago as Mr. Berlusconi's Fininvest SpA holding company sold part of its stake to Mr. Kirch, Prince Walid and others.
The Murdoch-Kirch-Mediaset alli-

ance is also looking for a French partner to extend its pan-European grid. The most likely candidate is M6 Metropole Television, whose chief, Nicolas de Tavemost, was a guest of honor at Mediaset's convention in Monte Carlo this week, analysts said. Mediaset's shares rose 3.34 percent to close at 10,685 lire.

ECONOMIC SCENE

Bribery: Which End Do You Measure?

HONG KONG - Indonesia and Nigeria have maintained the dubious disninction as the world's two most consistently corrupt large countries in an annual "corruption perceptions index" made public Tuesday.

But heightened controversy greeted the index itself this year from within the organization that publishes it, the anti-corruptioo group Transparency Internanonal

Many members and even some directors of Transparency criticized the index, noting that it is perceived in poorer countries as a hlanket condempoorer countries as a manage when it is contupt. Bot who is doing the corruptnation by richer nations, when it is often the world's wealthier countries that are the source of bribes.

The index, a sort of annual "poll of polls," measures public-sector corrup-

tion as it is perceived by businesses in 85 countries, up from 52 countries in 1997.

on the issue of corruption, Transparency's India chapter head S. D. Sharma said: "If you want to clean a staircase,

'It uses data collected by as many as seven different companies or institutions, including the World Bank, the Economist Intelligence Unit, Gallup International and the World Economic

vided Transparency International at its annual meeting last week in Kuala Lumpur, with the South African delegation threatening to disassociate itself from the survey if the board did not reconsider publication.

"Business people are saying coun-tries in which they're doing business are ing? The companies in those countries, concluded Wesley Cragg, the head of Transparency's Canada chapter. Quoting Lord Mountbatten's advice

you have to start at the top."

"The index can be misleading," said a delegate from Zimbabwe at the annual meeting.
"Something like 60 percent of

what's been stolen in our country never Preparation of the index hitterly dieven comes near Zimbabwe. Deals are done in countries in the oorth, and the money is banked there."

Transparency is working on a separate, oew index for next year that would measure propensity to hribe, in which richer countries in the West would look a lot less virtuous than they do atop the current corruption index.

To address some of the members' concerns this year, Transparency's chairman, Peter Eigen, issued a special

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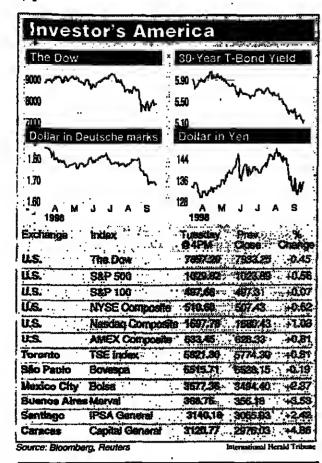


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 Nomura Securities Co., Japan's biggest brokerage, will inject \$380 million in capital into its U.S.-based holding for illicit actions by companies with headquarters in many of the leading company, Nomura Holdings America. Capital Co. of America, a Nomura Holdings unit, has losses of about \$200 million on loans, people familiar with the firm have said.

 Tyco International Ltd. agreed to buy Graphic Controls Corp., a maker of disposable medical and surgical products, from Bessemer Holdings LP for \$460 million.

 The U.S. Senate rejected a proposed \$1 increase, to \$6.15, in the federal hourly minimum wage. Brazil is discussing policy options with officials from the

International Monetary Fund, but sources said Latin America's largest economy had not asked the IMF for financial

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Fears Over Coca-Cola Slow Shares' Gains

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The broader Standard & Poor's target price to \$59 from \$83 a 500-stock index rose 5.90 points to share. 1,029.79, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index was up 17.35 points at 1,697.78. Coca-Cola fell 234 to 56 7/16,

contributing heavily to the decline in the Dow. The soft-drinks giant gets 70 percent of its sales and 75 percent of its profit from international operations.

Analysts predict it will post thirdquarter sales declines in Indonesia, heavily traded issue, gaining 4 9/16

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statement reinforcing the organiza-

tion's view that corruption is a two-

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U.S. STOCKS timate on Coke and lowered her

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CORRUPT: Some Say Rankings on Bribery Miss the Point

imprecise nature of the index meant dia, the Philippines and Indonesia.
The shift in focus from bribe-taker to bribe-giver has prompted the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to pass a con-

vention outlawing bribery abroad. Currently, the United States is the only major economy that ontlaws corrupt payments by its companies tip," said Jeremy Pope, a Trans- outside the country, but it will be parency executive director. "Butun- joined by other rich nations if five major economies in the organization ratify the convention by the end of

much more is under the water."

Despite having the strictest laws this year. in the world against bribery over-seas the United States only tied with Britain or Canada, in which it is cur-Austria for 17th position and thus rently legal to bribe overseas, would

large countries evaluated.

The countries with the worst readings were Cameroon, Paraguay

Was judged by respondents to be threaten bribe-givers with prison.

Transparency officials said the Germany probably would ratify the countries of the co Transparency officials said that Germany probably would ratify the convention, but there is a big hitch: So far, there is no indication the German government will remove the China, perceived to be extremely right of businesses to deduct bribes paid abroad from their tax bills.

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were this high and the economy and

"Consumers are getting more for windfall without sacrificing profits. eir money than they ever have "The market is unbelievably

lyst with J.D. Power and Associates, chairman, Robert Eaton. "There's

Japan Telecom, one of its first since central bank was unlikely to cut

"On purely domestic grounds the case now for a rate cut by the Other high-tech gamers were the case now for a rate cut by the MCI WorldCom, up 5/8 at 48/4, and Federal Reserve is simply not very strong," he told a Washington con-

> ference. "That is the predominant view within the Federal Open Market

While the U.S. economy is still growing, its pace slowed in the second quarter to an annual rate of 1.6 percent from 5.5 percent in the

The 30-year benchmark Treasury bond fell 18/32 to 105 4/32, which raised its yield to 5.16 percent from 5.12 percent Monday.
(Bloomberg, AP)

Crown Cork Plans To Cut 2,700 Jobs

Compiled by Our Staff From Disparche PHILADELPHIA — Crown

Cork & Seal Inc. said Tuesday that it would cut 2,700 jobs and warned that its third-quarter earnings would be below analysts' expectations. The cuts represent 7 percent

of the work force at the maker of packaging for consumer goods. The company said it planned to lower-than-expected report profit of 80 cents to 82 cents a share in the third quarter, down from 90 cents a share last year.

The company expects to take a \$121 million charge in the quarter and will buy back as many as 10 million of its common and preferred shares. Crown's shares skidded \$6 to close at \$31.3125.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

below I percent. Deflation has come few years have paid off in billions of Research. That was up 21 percent

from \$3,022 a year earlier. General Motors Corp. began another round of big rebates last week oo 1998 and 1999 models, ranging from \$500 on several cars and vans to \$5,000 on the 1998 Cadillac said this week. "It doesn't look like never been a period when incentives. DeVille Concours. As an alternative, GM offers financing rates as low as 0.9 percent.

the market were as good as they are GM's rebates are aimed at re-In the first 20 days of September, covering market share that the company lost after two strikes all but

Card Unit Of Barclays To Cut 1.100 Yen Declines Over Discord On Bank Plan

Compiled by Our Suff Fram Despote hes NEW YORK - The dollar rose against the yen Tuesday as political bickering over proposed banking reform in Japan threatened to prolong the country's recession.

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Because of the perpetual delays to banking legislation in Japan and the inability of Japanese politicians to deliver credible policies, the markets are punishing the yen, said Michael Harmett, senior international economist at Merrill Lynch & Co. He predicted that the dollar

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would top 140 year over the next'six months.

The yen weakened for the third day after the governing Liberal Democratic Party and opposition parties disagreed over the content of the government's plan to bail out the country's banks, which are saddled by as much as \$1 trillion in problem

The Liberal Democrats say the vaguely worded agreement reached Friday allows the use of taxpayer funds to support one of Japan's largest financial institutions, Long-Term Credit Bank Ltd. The opposition parties' interpretation is that the government would take control of the bank and eventually close it.

Two Japanese research institutes added to the gloom. The Daiwa Institute of Research forecast a 1.8 percent contraction in Japan's gross domestic product in the year through March, and Mitsubishi Research Institute Inc. predicted a 1.9 percent decline.

In 4 P.M. trading, the dollar was quoted at 135.395 yen, up from 134.470 yen Monday.

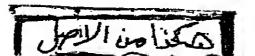
The dollar slipped to 1.6814 Deutsche marks from 1.6902 DM after a Bundesbank council member, Klaus-Dieter Kuehbacher, said Germany "can accept" the recent climb of the mark, which has shown a rise of as much as 7 percent against the dollar in the past month. Mr. Kuehbacher also said Ger-

man interest rates were "correct for now," reinforcing expectations that the Bundesbank would oot soon change its benchmark interest rate. now at 3.3 percent. Against other major currencies.

the dollar slipped to 1.3897 Swiss francs from 1.3908 francs and to. 5.6455 French francs from 5.6675 francs. The pound rose to \$1.6845 from \$1,6810.

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are luring customers into showrooms there is demand for in the whole dealer and manufacturer incentives with lower sticker prices, rebates of world. Automakers' efforts to cut averaged \$3,664 for each vehicle halted its North American producas much as \$5,000 and financing rates manufacturing costs over the past sold, according to CNW Marketing tion in June and July. (Bloomberg, Bridge News) INTERNATIONAL FUTURES Sept. 22, 1998 High Low Latest Char Opin FF300,000 - pis of 100 pcf Dec 96 110.39 110.10 110.29 -- 0.41 105,721 Est. pole-- 115.401 FEEDER CATTLE COMERO



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Card Unit Of Barclays To Cut 1,100

Compiled to Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - Barclaycard, the credit-card husiness of Barclays PLC, said Tnesday it would cut 1,100 jobs over the next three years as it invested in customer-service technology.

Barclaycard said it would spend £30 million (\$50.4 million) to improve its automated service systems hile cutting its work force of 4,400. The moves follow an 18month review of the credit-card business, in which Barclays is the leading bank in Britain.

"I very much regret that we will be losing jobs over the next few be losing jobs over the next few years, but I am afraid that this will be

unavoidable," Bob Potts, chief ex-ecutive of Barclaycard, said. Mark Williamson, a banking analyst at Albert E. Sharp in Birmingham, said, "This is a way for them to

Analysts said that while Barclaycard still dominated the British credit-card business, other U.K. banks and international credit-card pro-viders such as MBNA Corp. of the

United States were making inroads. Barclaycard is clearly under a lot of pressure, and they've had to react in defend their leadership position," said John-Paul Crutchley, a banking analyst at Credit Lyonnais Securities Ltd.

Barclaycard contributed about 12.5 percent of Barclays' first-half profit, Mr. Crutchley said. The bank said in May that operating profit at Barclaycard fell 11 percent last year, to £253 million.

Despite the intense competition in the card market, Mr. Potts said that with just 39 percent of British adults in possessioo of a credit card, the potential for growth was enor-

Barclaycard is also looking to expand overseas and has just entered France; it also operates in Ger-

The brunt of Barclaycard's job losses will come in Northampton, England, where more than 400 jobs will go. A further 300 joh cuts are earmarked for Manchester and Teesside, 70 for Birmingham and 100 for Kirby, near Liverpool.

Paris to Create Retirement Fund

Bluomberg News

PARIS - France is creating a special fund to ensure that the state pension system will be able to pay pensions to the increasing oumber of retirees, the finance minister said Tuesday.

Martine Aubry, the social affairs minister, outlined the plan contained in the 1999 social security budget to labor union and employer representatives on the Social-Security Accounts Commission before presenting the plan to the cabinet Oct. 7.

Like many other countries that experienced a surge in the birth rates in the 15 years after World War II, France will probably have pluses. trouble paying retirement benefits in the future because the number of retirees is growing and the number of people working and contrib-

uting to the pension system is declining. France has no private pen- now on will be insufficient to fund sion system.

Known as the Fond de Solid-

arite de Veillesse, the fund will get an initial lump sum from the Caisses d'Epargne, a savings-hank network. That lump sum could reach 20 billion francs (\$3.55 billion), according in news reports. Additional funds, adding up to tens of billions of francs in re-

serves" for the fund, will be sup-plied by various arms of the social-

security system that have sur-

"Accumulating reserves from the liability that will appear after "This is a major consideration 2005," said Eric Chaney, joint for the nation," said Dominique head of economic research for the Strauss-Kahn, the finance minister, euro zone at Morgan Stanley Dean

■ 3.1% Growth Expected

The French ecooomy is expected to expand by 3.1 percent this year and 2.9 percent next year, the IMF will report at the end of the month, Mr. Strauss-Kahn said Tuesday according to an Agence France-Presse report

According to the International Monetary Fund forecasts in be published Sept. 30, France's gross Money repaid by French domestic product growth in 1999 companies for cash injections they received from the state will also go into the reserves of the new fund.

remain at the cutting edge." Barclays shares rose 22 pence to Close at £10 94 The is a way for them to the cutting edge." Barclays shares rose 22 pence to Close at £10 94

MADRID — Iberia Lineas Aereas SA confirmed Tuesday that it had ordered six new Airbus Industrie A340 planes and taken an

option on five others. The first of the new long-haul planes, in a deal valued at more than 200 billion pesetas (\$1.4 billion), is due to be delivered in 1999, with two to follow in 2000, three in 2001 and the rest by 2003 if Iberia exercises its option.

Iberia said the purchase was conditioned on a cost-cutting agreement with its main pilot union. The pilots with its main pilot union. The pilots mimber of aircraft types is a key to an aviation consultancy in Scot-union said Monday that it would Iberia's cost-cutting plans, which are land. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

strike Dec. 15 if the airline did not aimed at making itself more attractmeet its terms for a new contract ive to investors before an initial pub-within a month, La Vanguardia lic offering planned for early next newspaper reported Tuesday.

The jets are to replace five DC-10s made by McDonnell Douglas Corp. and to be used to expand the Spanish flag carrier's service in Latin America, Japan and South Africa.

The long-distance fleet renewal follows a 400 billion-peseta deal with Airbus this year to replace its short-haul fleet with as many as 76 medium-range Airbus jets.

Modernizing and reducing the

year. The government will sell 5 percent stakes to British Airways PLC and AMR Corp.'s American Airlines, which have signed a marketing and booking alliance with Iberia. Thirty percent of the company will be sold to Spanish companies, with additional shares sold to the public.

"They're obviously getting their fleet in order ahead of the public offering," said Doug McVitie, managing director of Arran Aerospace.

Fiat Profit Falls, Hurt by Brazil and East Asia auto business, as market conditions principal markets of interest for Fiat

from a year earlier, to 2 trillion lire (\$1.19 hillion). Sales rose 8 percent, to 46.74 trillion lire, but operating profit dropped 28 percent, to 1.3

Fiat said full-year results would

emerging markets had made competition from Asian producers more the year.

TURIN — Financial turmoil in deteriorated further in the second Anın, and in fact, we expect a Asia and Brazil cut into Fiat SpA's half. Fiat Auto's first-half revenue worsening in regards to Brazil," the company said.

Fiat Auto sales fell 20 percent in Brazil, but they rose 7 percent in Western Europe and Poland. Fiat Fiat said the financial crises in said it expected European sales to continue to rise through the end of

> The earnings report was issued (AFP, AFX, Reuters)

SAir Plans Air Littoral Investment

Bloomherg News MONTPELLIER. France

SAirGroup, the parent company of Swissair AG, said Tuesday it had agreed to buy 44 percent of Air Lit-toral SA, France's largest regional carrier, to enlarge its Qualiflyer alliance of European regional airlines.

The parent company of Europe's fifth-largest airline did not give financial details of the transaction, which allows Air Littoral to join SAir's eight other European partners. The move will reduce the holding of Michel Seydoux, a French businessman, in Air Littoral to 50.1 percent from 93 percent.

The sale comes as competition intensifies in France, Europe's largest passenger market, following the opening of the European aviation market last year. The government plans to sell shares in Air France SA, until recently a perennial money-loser, and AOM, France's second-largest carrier, is up for sale. British Airways PLC bought Air Liberte SA in 1996.

The transaction caps Air Littoral's search for a larger and financially stronger partner. Recent press reports called Brit Air, Air France's largest regional partner, the favorite

to link up with Air Littoral. The move allows Air Littoral to join the Qualiflyer alliance, which includes AOM, Austrian Airlines, Crossair, Lauda Air AG, Sabena SA, TAP Air Portugal, Turkish Airlines and Tyrolean Airlines.

Air Littoral's sales more than doubled to 1.4 billion French francs (\$248.6 million) last year, and the carrier invested in a second hub, in Nice. In February, it reordered five Canadair regional jets for about \$100 million, having canceled the order in October amid concern about the financial impact of a strike by its pilots that month.

Air Littoral has a fleet of 35 planes and offers 280 daily flights. Last year, it transported more than 2 million passengers.

Lufthansa AG has a code-sharing agreement with Air Littoral, Lufthansa last year bought convertible bonds valued at 56 million francs and has the right to buy as much as 15 percent of Air Littoral's capital, but it stake in the carrier.

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 Tesco PLC, Britain's leading supermarket operanr, is to invest about £500 million (\$840 million) in huilding 22 stores and renovating others this year, creating about 10,000 jobs. Its pretax profit for the 24 weeks ended Aug. 15 was £365 million, up from £346 million a year earlier.

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• Electra Fleming, an investment-management concern, bought Deutsche Woolworth GmbH for 950 million Deutsche marks (\$562 million) as part of a management buyout. Deutsche Woolworth is part of Venator Group Inc., the former Woolworth Corp.

 Hoechst AG, Germany's third-largest drugs and chemicals maker, named Claudio Sonder as its management board member in charge of industrial chemicals, succeeding Utz-Hellmuth Felcht, who left to become chief executive of SKW Trostberg AG.

• France's July trade surplus slipped to 14.07 hillion francs (\$2.5 billion) from a revised 14.70 billion francs in June, hurt by a drop in sales of Airbus airplanes, although falling impon prices helped cushion the decline.

• France's finance minister, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, said. the door was open for Coca-Cola Co. to huy Pernod Ricard-SA's Orangina unit if it could satisfy antitrust authorities. France rejected Coke's bid last week,

 Russia will raise its asking price for two state-controlled companies, the oil producer RAO Rosneft and the telephone! holding company AO Svyazinvest, after the recent plunge of the ruble cut their prices in dollar terms by more than half.

 Price Waterhouse agreed to pay \$95 million to settle allclaims against itself related to the Bank of Credit & Commerce International scandal of 1991. The accounting and recently said it had no plans to buy a auditing firm did not admit or accept any liability in reaching! the settlement, Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP

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first-half profit, the Italian automaker reported Tuesday.

Pretax profit fell 11.5 percent

The Auto's first-half revenue rose 3 percent, to 26.24 trillion lire, and its sales of cars and commercial vehicles fell to 1.35 million from 1.36 million. "In particular, we do not expect after the stock market closed. (Bloomberg, Reulers, AFX) also be lower, especially for its main any substantial improvements in the

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- Philippine Airlines Inc.'s workers narrowly rejected a management-proposed recovery plan, dashing a last-ditch effort to avoid closing the company. The airline said last week it would close at midnight Wednesday if the unions rejected the plan.
- · Oki Electric Industry Co., a Japanese maker of computers, telecommunications equipment and microchips, said a collapse in prices of computer memory chips would result in a loss of 43 billion yen (\$319.8 million), its largest ever, in the year ending in March 1999.
- Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co. reported declines in output, sales and exports in August amid an economic slump. Toyota said its domestic output dropped 7.3 percent from August 1997, to 186,322 units. Domestic sales fell 10.7 percent, in 86,590 units. Nissan said domestic production fell 9.2 percent, to 96,041 units. Domestic sales dropped 6 percent, to 46,595 units.
- · Hong Kong's foreign reserves slipped to \$92.1 billion in August from \$96.5 billion in July after a bout of government intervention in the stock market, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority said.
- · Hitachi Ltd. plans to begin selling personal computers in Singapore, Malaysia and Australia next month as part of a move to strengthen its brand name in computing.
- Itochu Corp. sold 40 percent of its 5.36 million preferred shares in Time Warner Inc. on the stock market for \$420 million. AP. Bloomberg, Rensers, AFP

UBS to Take **Control of** LTCB Stakes

TOKYO - Long-Term Credit

Bank of Japan Ltd. is ceding control of its asset-management and investment-banking joint ventures to UBS AG, the banks said Tuesday.

The Swiss bank will acquire all of the troubled Japanese bank's 50 percent share in their UBS Brinson Co. asset-management venture, while LTCB will reduce its 50 percent stake to 33 percent in their LTCB Warburg Securities Ltd. investment-banking venture.

The banks will maintain "the framework" of their parmership. UBS said, including cross-shareholding, and it said it was continuing talks on furthering the alliance.

The move came ahead of LTCB's planned merger with Sumitomo Trust & Banking Co. and is based on its plans to streamline operations. the Japanese bank said.

'In view of its intended merger with Sumitomo Trust, it was clear that certain businesses would no longer be appropriate for the type of alliance we had with LTCB, said Lugman Arnold, UBS's chief executive officer for Asia and the Pa-

LTCB. one of Japan's largest financial institutions, has been on the verge of collapse since June, and the merger with Sumitomo Trust was arranged as a rescue.

Masaharu Hino, head of the Financial Supervisory Agency, said Tuesday that the Bank of Japan had given him no indication that LTCB was facing a liquidity crunch.

Sumitomo Trust still backed the merger with LTCB but could not say whether the deal would be modified because the government's plans for the bank remained unclear. The suthe bank along with five others. Swiss Bank Corp., which became on rescheduling Indonesia's debt. UBS last winter when it merged with Union Bank of Switzerland.

Seoul Puts President on TV to Sell Tourism

By Don Kirk

SEOUL - On a new television commercial, President Kim Dae Jung pops up in an airline cockpit, with a guarantee that South Korean officials hope will prove irresistible to foreigners.

"I'il be sure you have a safe and pleasant journey." he promises in Korean, translated into other languages in versions of the commercial for Japan, China, the United States and the European Union.

of the lures of a promotional campaign for an industry that officials report is turning into a major source of income in a period of otherwise mostly depressing economic statistics.

"Everything is so negative these days," said Hong Too Pyo, pres-ident of the Korea National Tourism Organization, introducing the results have not been as high as tor vehicles and semiconductors

an economic crisis that forced the earlier. The figures reflect the country last November to ask the amount that foreigners spent as International Monetary Fund to tourists in South Korea minus what piece together a rescue package South Koreans spent on tourist valued at nearly \$60 billion.

The commercials introduce a The image of the 74-year-old side of South Korea that many here from what is president on television is just one say has been lost on the world amid IMF crisis." the headlines of economic crisis: teams and of cultural figures are leave the country. interspersed with shots of dancing.

singing and scenic vistas.

Statistics show that tourism has been the nation's only true growth rea as their primary destination in commercials this week. "Both ex- industry in a year in which sales of increasing numbers.

ports and imports are down. The such former staple exports as mohave plummeted.

In the first seven months of this tourism. Mr. Hong estimated that year, according to the Korea Na the Korean won means they can the country would earn \$3 billion tional Tourism Organization, the shop here for bargains. country had a positive balance of this year from foreign visitors. country had a positive balance of "With tourism," he said, "we \$1.8 billion from tourism after a will meet the challenge" posed by deficit of nearly \$1.2 billion a year tourists arrived from Japan, up 9

> trips overseas. The reversal in the trend results from what is known here as "the

First, tourism officials said, Footage of the champion golfer South Koreans are traveling abroad

> Second, as a result of Japan's economic troubles, Japanese tour-ists are choosing nearby South Ko-Our president

"Many Japanese can't afford to go far away," said Eugene Craig Campbell, a tourism adviser here. 'Korea is close, and devaluation of

In the first seven months of this year, slightly more than I million percent from last year, and they accounted for about 42 percent of the

total number of foreign visitors. The number of Japanese was more than four times the number of Americans, who were the secondlargest group. By the end of the year, officials predict, 4.25 million tourists will have visited South Ko-

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Our president is personally showing his will to overcome the crisis." Mr. Hong said.

Currency Curbs Gain Support in Jakarta

whether Indopesia should follow Malaysia's lead and introduce foreign-exchange controls flared anew

with businesses seeking such curbs. The state minister of investment, Harnzah Haz, was quoted by the Mr. Hino said he believed that Jakarta Post as saying that the government was investigating whether to require exporters to keep foreign-

out such controls came a day after the pervisory agency is investigating coordinating minister for finance, economy and industry, Ginandjar LTCB began its partnership with Kartasasmita, left for Paris for talks

Djunaedi Hadisumarto, deputy chairman of the National Develop-(Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg) ment Planning Board, repeated as-

JAKARTA - A debate on governor that Jakarta wanted to maintain a free foreign-exchange

battered economy. The main argument against controls, the newspaper Kompas quoted him as saying, remained the need for exchange earnings in foreign banks. foreign investment. "Under the curcapital controls may only trigger capital flight," be said.

Malaysia announced this month that it was setting the ringgit at a Kuala Lumpur beginning Sept. 1 fixed rate against the dollar and was removing the currency from intermeasures to restrict currency movenational circulation next month.

surances given by the central bank | Flip-Flop by Malaysia Bank

The Malaysian central bank retracted a statement that said it had But, he added, in a statement at- trimmed the classification period for in Vietnam had laid off 7.7 percent Tuesday as some government of- tributed to Mr. Ginandjar, that the bad loans to six months from three of their combined work force of ficials sided publicly for the first time government had not ruled out the months, Bloomberg News reported 35,000 because of declining orders. possibility of imposing foreign-ex- from Kuala Lumpur. A Bank Negchange controls to try to protect its ara spokesman did not give any reason for the retraction, which came

about an hour after being released. "It doesn't give a good first impression on the new team at the cenvery high and forex reserves small, Asia Ltd. "Fortunately, it came half

an hour after the market closed." The withdrawal of the statement followed a series of flip-flops by

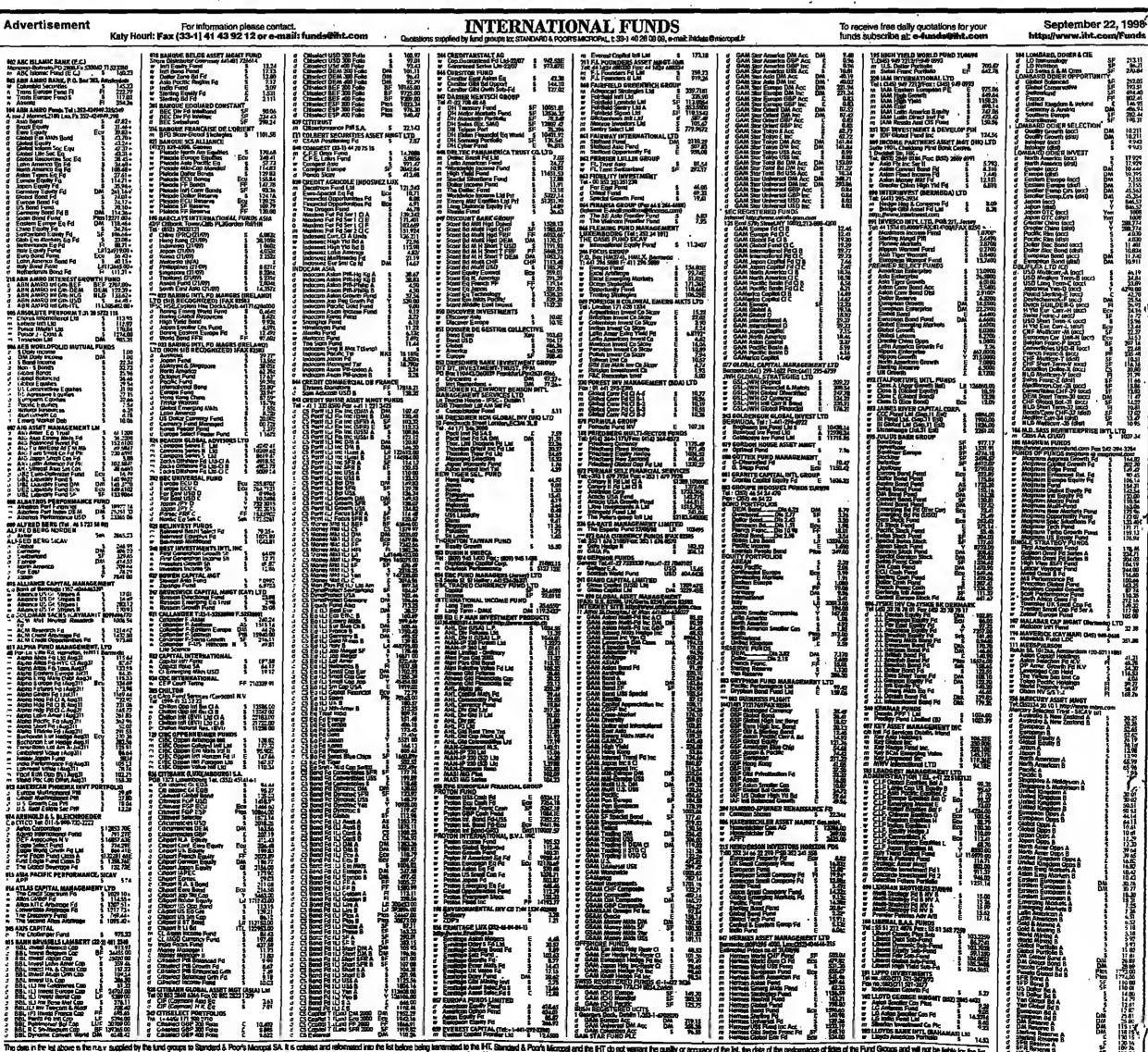
7.7% of Nike Jobs Vanish in Vietnam

HANOI -- Nike Inc. said Tuesday that its subcontracted factories

Harsh Saini, a manager at Nike's Asia-Pacific operations, said that between January and July this year a total of 2,700 workers from three Korean-owned factories had been laid off. At the other two factories, change earnings in foreign banks. foreign investment. "Under the curiral bank," said Chong Yoon Chou one Korean-owned and the other
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No layoffs have been made since July, he said,

Several foreign companies have laid off workers at manufacturing plants in Vietnam as the Asian crisis has strained the economy and export ments that left investors bewildered, orders have shrunk.



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INTERNATIONAL INVESTING

Bank Stocks In U.S. Lose Takeover Fizz

By Kathleen Day

WASHINGTON - Three months ago, the U.S. securioes market was defying gravity and financial-service companies were merging at a dizzying speed, prompting many investors to wonder whether they should put their money in bank stocks, especially stocks of several regional banks that looked like

promising takeover targets.

Many market analysts and small and institutional investors said the answer was a resounding yes. First Virginia Banks Inc., Riggs National Corp., Provident Bankshares Corp. and Mercantile Bankshares Corp. were among the names commonly mentioned.

Their stocks commanded a takeover premium — the extra price investors are willing to pay for a stock in anticipation that the price will go up even more when

the company is purchased. But now the market bas fallen, new merger announcements have slowed, and the stocks of banks have taken a beating, prompting analysts to be less enthusiasoc about the industry and to warn investors that, while there are good buys to be had, investors should use caudon,

The banking industry's health tends to reflect the health of the economy, so it is logical that analysts — many of wbom are convinced that tougher times are ahead say expectations about banks' earnings and potential takeover

value have been overblown. The bottom line, they say, is that takeover premiums are essentially

"I think there's still some cloud-iness in this market," said David West, bank analyst at Davenport & Co. On bad market days, bank stocks tend to go down even farther than the market.

Sony and Schwab Discuss Bringing On-Line Trading to Japan

TOKYO - Sony Corp., one of the world's biggest consumer-electronics makers, said Tuesday it was in talks with Charles Schwab Corp. and other brokerages to create a venture to enter the on-line brokerage business in Ja-

"We're currently considering how to enter the business the Sony way," said Masayoshi Morimoto, corporate senior vice president at Sony. "No specific plans bave been decided."

Banks, brokerage concerns, insurers and other companies are devising products to attract the money that is expected to flow out of low-yielding ank accounts as Japan deregulates its financial industry. Japanese individuals own 1,200 trillion yen (\$8.92 trillion) in

"If true, the combination of Sony a global brand name — and Schwab —

the most successful on-line broker in the U.S. - would be a bigger threat than any of the securioes companies that currently offer on-line stock trading services in Japan," said Yoshihiko Kan, manager of the on-line brokerage division at Nomura Se-

As part of Japan's drive to liberalize its financial-services industry by December, companies will be able to start a broker-

nance Ministry. Schwab said nothing had been decided concerning its plans for Japan. 'Japan is one of a number of countries

age by simply registering with the Fi-

we're looking at to expand our future growth opportunities." said Gloria Lau, president of Charles Schwab, Asia & Americas, in Tokyo.

Analysts said they were not surprised Sony wanted to diversify. The com-

pany, which entered the life-insurance business in 1981 through its wholly owned subsidiary Sony Life Insurance with Softbank Corp., a Japanese computer-software wholesaler.

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Nineteen Japanese brokerages Co., said in July it would enter the carinsurance business next year.

By 2002, Asia is due to have 50 million Internet users, half of them in Japan.

> "Sony has to find a way to survive in the digital interactive network business, "said Hitoshi Kuriyama, a senior analyst at Merrill Lynch Japan Inc. "If it can't do so by producing hardware, it will look to providing software or financial information.

> Schwab's moves in Japan have been closely watched since E*Trade Group - the second-largest U.S. on-line discount broker - said it would offer stock-trading services in a joint venture

cisco, was founded in 1971 and became a pioneer in the discount-brokerage business when the United

States eased rules on trading commissions in 1975. Schwab has 279 sales offices in the United States.

Roughly 25 percent of all securities transactions are done via the Internet in the United States. On-line trading has not caught on in Japan yet, where complete liberalization of commissions will not be allowed unol next

'Companies offering on-line trading now are doing so as an advance investment, to stake their claim on the market ahead of the full liberalization in trading commissions planned for 1999, said Sadakazu Obsaki, senior

already offer on-line trading and investment information on the Internet, and many other firms - including foreign on-line brokers - are expected to enter the market before commissions are fully liberalized.

"In Asia, it's estimated that there are over 20 million Internet users, about one-third of them in Japan," Mrs. Lau said. "By the year 2002, Asia is expected to have 50 million users in a conservative estimate, with 40 percent

to 50 percent of those in Japan. She added: "Many estimate that by the end of this year, Japan will become the second-largest Internet market in the world, after the United States."

Schwab is also interested in offering its services in Taiwan, Brazil, Mexico and the Philippines, Mrs. Lau said.

Russian Collapse Hits Trade Partner Turkey

By Christopher de Bellaigue Washington Post Service

ANKARA - Seven weeks after Prime Minister Mesut Yihnaz called early elections on the strength of his government's economic track record, Turkey is trying to weather the fallout from the economic collapse in Russia, its prin-

cipal trading partner. Until this summer, Turkish officials were predicting that the country would escape the ecocomic contagion spreading from Southeast Asia. As of midyear, the economy had seen government's anti-inflation policies had won the approval of the International Monetary

Fund and brought foreign investors flocking. But Russia's festering economic problems already had begun to erode Turkey's strong base, and the recent Russian financial collapse and the free fall of the ruble have sent shock

waves southward. According to recent government figures, Turkey's official trade with Russia declined 15 percent in the first half of this year. The unofficial export of textiles and other goods to Russia and other former Soviet Bloc countries, which earned the Turks around \$8.5 billion in

bring in little more than \$4 billion in 1998. Overall, Turkey has seen its trade deficit grow to \$7.5 billion in the first half of this year. In addition, internal commerce is undergoing a cyclical slowdown, analysts say. Concerns have gradually spread among investors, who looked to Mr. Yilmaz to implement policies that might

halt the economic slide, On Monday, the prime minister announced a package of tax incenoves designed to spur investment in Istanbul's stock market, which has lost 57 percent of its volume in the last two months as investors have fled what they perthree years of steady growth, and the Yilmaz ceive as another emerging market in decline. The government will exempt stocks held for three months or longer from income taxes, and fund portfolios of foreign investors will be fully exempt from corporate taxes, Bloomberg Fi-

nancial News reported. Mr. Yilmaz did not announce, however, the postponement of a lax to be imposed on stock

bad eagerly anticipated. The Islanbul 100 stock index - which rose 18.5 percent on Friday on the expectation that Mr. Yilmaz would delay the capital-gains tax --

fell Monday but rose 9.4 percent Tuesday. Still, in the face of such news, many Turks are until the end of 2000, according to party leader

15-month-old coalition government insist on holding elections next April, well over a year before the current parliamentary term runs

'It is impossible to remain unaffected by unfavorable global events, but introducing new taxes and the current election atmosphere bave contributed to the stock-market slide," said Turan Sarigulle, who has seen the market value of his company, UKI Konfeksyon, plummet since mid-June.

Mr. Yilmaz's policies have been credited with pushing down wbolesale-price inflation from a rate of 91 percent last December to 67 percent, and delaying elections would, some analysts say, give him the chance to push ahead with more of

the reforms approved by the IMF in June. While Mr. Yilmaz bas said he has an open mind on the subject, many lawmakers in the coalition say they oppose rescheduling the elections. Although early polls might unseat the capital gains next year, a measure that investors coalioon if the economy does not turn around, an opposition leader has said he favors delaying the vote. The Virtue Party, which was formed largely by former members of the Islamic-based Welfare Party after Welfare was outlawed in January, might support delaying the elections

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Notice is hereby given to the shareholders, that the

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of shareholders of SINCLAIR ALL ASIA FUND will be held at the registered office of the fund on October 1st, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. with the following agenda:

t. Submission of the Reports of the Board of Directors and of the Independent Auditor.

2. Approval of the Statement of Net Assets and of the

Statement of Operations for the year ended as at June 30, 1998;

3. Allocation of the net results:

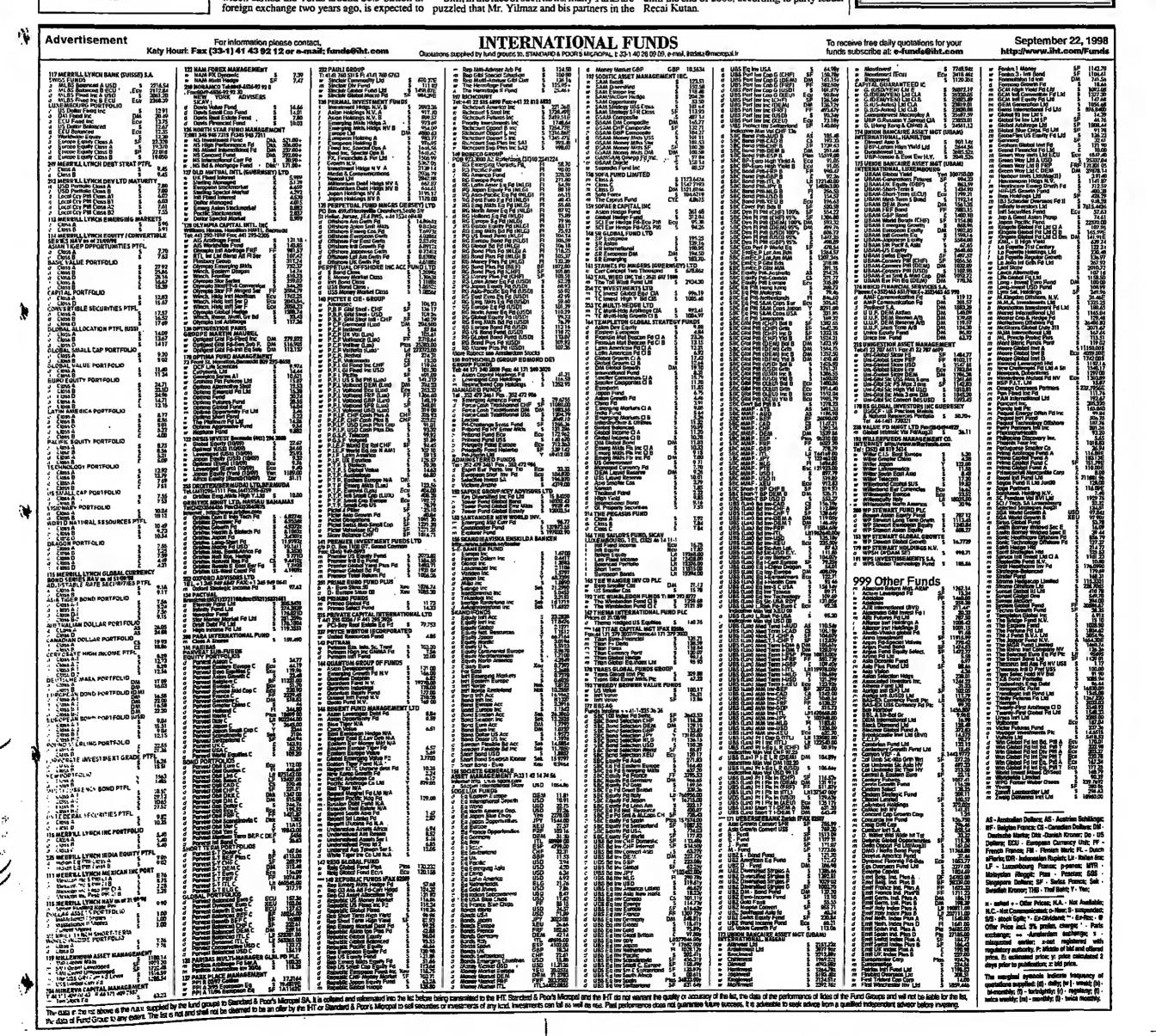
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In order to attend the Meeting of SINCLAIR ALL ASIA FUND the owners of bearer shares will have in deposit their shares five clear days before the Meeting with Banque Internationals a Luxembourg, 69, ronte d'Esch. 1, 1470

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Wust Takes a Stage

CYCLING Marcel Wust of Germany and the Festina team won the 17th stage of the Tour of Spain on Tuesday, and Abraham Olano of Spain and the Banesto team stayed atop the overall standings.

Wust sprinted past the finish line at the head of the pack, having covered the 188.5-kilometer (116.9-mile) run between the northern cities of Burgos and Leon in 4 hours 55 minutes 33 seconds.

Olano remained in the No. I spot, 22 seconds ahead of his nearest rival, Laurent Jalabert of France and the ONCE-Deutsche Bank squad.

The 18th stage on Wednesday, a 233-kilometer ride From Leon to Salamanca, is a flat run. (AP)

Nuggets Hire D'Antoni

BASKETBALL The Denver Nuggets, coming off one of the worst seasons in NBA history, hired Mike D'Antoni as their head coach on

D'Antoni, who joined the Nug-gets as director of player personnel last year after coaching in the Italian League for seven seasons, becomes Denver's seventh coach in this decade. He replaces Bill Hanzlik, who was dismissed after an II-71 season.

D'Antoni, who briefly served as interim general manager last season, was hired by the team's general manager, Dan Issel, who took over the team in March.

. Before joining the Nuggets, D'Antoni compiled a 144-68 coaching record with Benetton and Milan of the Italian League, His teams made the playoffs each season, and Benetton won the 1997 Italian League Championship(AP)

Little Goes a Long Way

RUGBY Jason Little scored a record-equaling four tries Tuesday to help Australia qualify for the Rugby World Cup with a 74-0 victory over Tonga.

Little, a winger, matched Australia's record for tries in a test, as the Wallabies scored 12 touchdowns to run away with the secondround Pacific qualifying tournament game and better their 66-20 triumph over Fiji in the opening round in Sydney last week.

In the opening match Tuesday at Bruce Stadium in Canberra, Fiji beat Western Samoa, 26-18.

Little equaled the four tries scored by Greg Cornelsen against New Zealand in 1978 and David Campese against the United States in 1983.

While Little went in the record books, the Australians just missed their all-time record 76-0 victory over England set earlier this year and fell one try short of their record for a test, scored against South Korea in the 1987 World Cup.

The victory virtually guaranteed that Australia will finish on top of the four-nation Pacific tournament and qualify for the World Cup's Pool E based in Ireland.

WORLD ROUNDUP Clemens Wins No. 20 And His 15th Straight

The Associated Press

Roger Clemens won his 20th game of the year and his 15th straight, striking out 15 Baltimore Orioles in eight innings as the Torooto Blue Jays coasted to a 3-1 victory.

Among the victims on Mooday night in Toronto was Cal Ripken, who was back in action a day after ending his

streak of 2.632 consecutive games. Clemens (20-6), hidding for a record fifth Cy Young Award, has the longest winning streak in the majors since Gaylord Perry won 15 straight in 1974

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

for Cleveland. Clemens started the season 5-6, but is unbeaten in 21 starts dating back to May 29.

Clemens tied Atlanta's Tom Glavine for the major league lead in victories, improving his league-best strikeout total 10 260 and his earned-run average

Clemens pitched eight innings, allowing seven hits and three walks. Shawn Green hit his 33d home run and Carlos Delgado hit his 35th for a 2-0 Toronto lead in the third.

Rangers 9, Angels 1 Behind Todd Stottlemyre, visiting Texas took a onegame lead over Anaheim in the American League West by beating the An-

Rusty Greer had four hits and Juan Gonzalez got his 155th and 156th runs baned in of the season as Texas won the opener of the three-game series, Stot-

tlemyre (5-4) gave up six hits, walked four and struck out seven in seven scoreless innings.

He beat the Angels for the second time in six days.

Red Sox 4, Devil Rays 3; Devil Rays 8, Red Sox 4 Bostoo dropped the second-game of a doubleheader when Bubba Trammell bomered and drove in five runs for Tampa Bay.

In the opener, Keith Mitchell singled in the tiebreaking run in the sixth for his first RBI of the season and Tom Gordon extended his major league, single-season record of 40 successful save coo-

Bret Saberhagen (15-7) won the first game and Touy Saunders (6-15) took the loss. Bostoo's John Valentin hit his 23rd homer. Terrell Wade (1-0) won the second game. Carlos Reyes (1-1) was the loser. Mo Vaughn hit his 38th homer for Boston.

Indians 4, Yankous 1 Enrique Wilson hit his first grand slam, leading Cleveland past host New York in a matchup of division champions. The Indians, who beat New York in

the first round of the playoffs last year, are 4-4 this year against the Yankees with three games remaining. Charles Nagy (15-10) allowed five

hits in eight innings and Paul Shuey got three outs for his second save. New York's Andy Pettitte (16-11) gave up eight hits and four runs in seven innings.
White Sox 7, Twins 1 Jim Abbott im-

proved to 4-0 in his comeback with



Roger Clemens fogging a pitch past the Orioles as he won his 20th game, while recording 15 strikeouts.

Chicago, limiting host Minnesota to one run and six hits in six innings.

Chicago's Ray Durham scored three runs to take over the league lead with 123, one ahead of New York's Derek

Tigers 7, Royals 5 In Kansas City. Joe Randa scored the go-ahead run on Scott Service's wild pitch in the eighth inning as Detroit heat Kansas City.

Dean Crow (2-2) was the winner, and Todd Jones got the last three outs for his 27th save. Service (6-4) took the loss.

eties 2 In Seattle, two pinch-hitters, Rob Ducey and Charles Gipson, had consecutive RBI hits in a three-run eighth as Seattle beat Oak-

Ducey doubled off Gil Heredia (3-3) to give Seattle a 3-2 lead and Gipson followed with a single off Buddy

In the National League:

Reds 8, Phillies 5 Tony Tarasco's pinch-hit grand slam in the seventh inning rallied Cincinnati to victory over

visiting Philadelphia Scott Sullivan (5-5) got the victory in relief and Danny Graves got his seventh

burgh.

Giants 8, Pirates 1 In San Francisco, Jeff Kent hit a three-run homer and Orel Hershiser (10-10) pitched seven strong innings to hreak a six-start winless streak, leading the Giants past Pitts-

Kent has 30 home runs and 122 RBIs. Joe Carter also homered for San Fran-

Cowboys Rout Giants

Dallas Has Injuries, but Also a 31-7 Victory

By Bill Pennington New York Times Service

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey - The Dallas Cowboys played the entire game without their usual starting quarterback, Troy Aikman. They played the second half without their best ruoning hack, Emmitt Smith.

At different times in Monday might's game against the New York Giants, Deion Sanders, who scored two, touchdowns in a virtuoso performance as an offensive, defensive and punt-returning star, went to the locker room because be was debydrated. And Leon Lett, Dallas's best defensive lineman, missed part of the game because of an injury.

Those were the Cowboys' excuses for playing poorly. But they didn't need them.

The Giants, who could use the exthis time last year, when they opened four games.

A dominating performance hy the Cowboys Monday night in a 31-7 victory at Giants Stadium has temporarily shifted the balance of power East. The defending champion Giants Cowhoys' final score.

(1-2) have stumbled to an uneven, skidding start. The Cowboys (2-1) have assumed the division lead.

It was the first divisioo loss for the Giants since 1996 and eods a ninegame undefeated streak in the division. The Cowboys' victory also makes them 6-0 against the Giants in Monday night games.
The Giants' offense generated just

56 yards rushing while their defense failed to create a turnover, or register a sack, and allowed Dallas's quarterback, Jason Garrett, playing in place of the injured Aikman, to complete 12 of 28 passes for 224 yards. The Giants' running attack, which

the coaches had vowed to improve this week, looked worse than ever. Fnliback Charles Way was the team's leading rusher with 26 yards oo carries.

Sanders, always dramatic, brought cuses, played their worst game since an end to a scoreless struggle 2:29 into the second quarter. His spectacular the season by losing three of their first 59-yard punt return for a touchdown gave the Cowhoys a 7-0 lead.

Then, with 2 minutes 25 seconds left in the fourth quarter, Sanders intercepted the Giants' quarterback. Danny Kanell, and ran 71 yards for his in the National Football Conference second touchdown of the night and the

Ripken's Record Dominated Orioles

By Buster Olney New York Times Service

BALTIMORE - Not loog after Cal Ripken surpassed Lon Gehrig's con-secutive-game record on Sept. 6, 1995, a consensus began huilding among the Baltimore Orioles' staff and front office officials that the team would be better off if the streak ended. The goal was simple: to restore the normal hierarchy that governs a sports team.

With other teams, the pecking order ranks as follows: owoer, baseball executives, manager, players. With the Orioles, Ripken loomed over everyone, untouchable because of the magnitude of his record and the popularity it provided him.....

His receot managers, from Phil Regan to Davey Johnson to Ray Miller, never seriously considered benching him unilaterally.

The idea was bandied about stantly by club officials. In a meeting. before the All-Star Game break in July, an Orioles official announced his belief that the team would never win a World Series championship until Ripken's record and corollary autonomy ended.

'This record has nothing to do with the team," the official told others. "Its ouly meaning is to Cal."

But the official conceded that no

change could be made until Ripken decided to end the streak himself. No one in a position of authority was willing to

Finally, on Sunday night at Camden Yards, Ripken took the responsibility on himself, volunteering to sit out the game against the New York Yankees and thus ending his streak at 2,632 games. He was back in the linenp at third hase Monday night, but his record streak, an achievement that gripped the baseball world three years ago and belped restore the sport's popularity after years of divisive labor troubles,

had come to an end. Ripken is so resolute in his approach to playing the game that some of his closest friends on the team said in recent years that they could oever imagine him voluntarily removing himself from the lineup - even with the vague knowledge that others in the organization

Bnt Ripken is also very protective of his image and well aware of the mounting criticism that his record no longer contained relevance. He had gone far beyond Gehrig's record, his run production was among the worst in the American League and the Orioles had young players waiting in the wings. Whose purpose did it serve to have

Ripken play every single game?
A week ago, Peter Angelos, the Orioles' owner, received a phone call from Joe Foss, the team's vice chairman. Foss related a conversation he just had with Miller, who had met privately with Rip-

throw himself into the path of his legendary willfulness. ken. "Cal is thinking about ending the streak," Foss told Angelos.

Mooday, Angelos said: "I was somewhat surprised. Cal will always be a legend, and I can't believe anybody will ever come close to touching his record. thought it was a good idea to end it, at this time - but at the same time, we didn't want to do something damaging

Ripken said after Sunday's 5-4 loss to the Yankees that he thought during the summer about ending his streak and tried to identify the best possible timing, in the best possible place. He spoke to his wife, to his close circle of friends, to his parents. Ripken considered ending his streak on the season's final day, when the Orioles are to play in Boston;

Ultimately, be determined that the end would come in Baltimore in the final home game of the year, with the Orioles out of contention.

"I thought about it and decided, 'Let's end it in the same place it started," Ripken said. "In my home state, in front of the best fans in the world." Ripken called his parents earlier in

the day and received "the answer I expected to hear" -- they supported whatever decision he made. He did not tell teammates and he went through his usual pre-game routine.

Miller penciled Ripken into his lineup, though the manager acknowledged, "I had a feeling," based on their previous conversation.

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Flo-Jo: Charisma and Controversy

ASHINGTON — From 1984 to 1988, Flo-Jo was not so much a person as an event, some days more than one event, all the time a dizzying package of world-class speed, striking beauty, fashion and, yes, controversy.

There was never really anybody like her before and, with all due respect to Marion Jones, there has not been anybody with her combination of athletic talent and captivating charisma since slie essentially retired after the 1988

Summer Olympics in Seoul.
I was changing flights in Chicago on Monday afternoon when a television network put up a picture of Florence Griffith-Joyner. What was barely au-dible in the hustle and bustle of one of the world's busiest airports were the words "heart seizure" and "death." People sitting in the passenger lounge at the gate, and I mean virtually everyone, stopped whatever they were doing and turned to ask others sining nearby, "Did they say she 'died?'

It really is unthinkable that a woman who appeared to us the picture of bealth could just drop dead at 38. So frequently, it seems, it is the heart when athletes die young, the heart being the thing we associate more than anything else -even speed or coordination or strength with world-class performance.

But then Flo-Jo's 38 years seemed an improbable journey, one so unlikely, in fact, that innuendo and rumor dogged her from her late blooming through her

prime, even as she acquired her first formances; in effect, she would not let Olympic medal in Los Angeles in 1984,

then piled on more four years later. In all the glitter, it is easy to forget that she had been a journeyman of sorts at the turn of the 1980s, a really good sprinter but no Evelyn Ashford, and hardly someone who would dominate one of her sport's most prized events.

She was easing into her mid-20s before she put it all together, some still contend with the help of banned substances. I remember standing with one of the all-time sprinting greats in Seoul in '88, listening as the rival would point to Flo-Jo, first one muscle, then that ripple, saying she knew Flo-Jo must have taken steroids relatively late in her career to reach the perfect athletic body. I remember the famous sprinter not wanting to talk publicly about it, but blaming everybody, including the news media, for cov-

up the whole thing about Flo-Jo. Of course, Flo-Io never failed a drug test. And when she heard the accusations, she would say that her body changed because she did not get serious about her training regimen until rel-atively late. And anyway, if male sportswriters were supposed to get to the bottom of those rumors --- well, are you kidding me? Most of us melted like bot candle wax when she merely said

bello to start an interview. You could not separate the smolder-

you. Jackie Joyner-Kersee I always see in motion, running or long-jumping or throwing. Flo-Jo I always see at the starting line, standing perfectly still two minutes or so before the race, long nails freshly painted and glistening, hair flowing as if her last stop before the stadium had been a salon, and, of course, the outfits. My goodness, the outfits.

Nobody brought glamour to the ath-letic arena like Florence Griffith-Joyner. Nobody has even been close. She packaged it that way, grabbed your at-tention and would not let go. She made people see that athletic performance and auty are not mutually exclusive.

Track and field has never been as hot in America as it was in the months leading up to the Los Angeles Olympics. Ob sure, Carl Lewis and Joyner-Kersee were in the process of coming invincible. Edwin Moses, Daley Thompson, Ashford, Mary Decker and Roger Kingdom were all in their primes and crowded on center stage by the time the whole road show reached the Los Angeles Coliseum. But nobody created the buzz Flo-Jo did.

In the summer of 1984, I was covering primarily Olympic boxing and I was not supposed to be anywhere near the track-and-field press box. Twice, though, I sneaked in and hid from my editors. Both times Flo-Jo was running. ing aura she projected from her per- I remember standing on tiptoes trying to



Florence Griffith-Joyner celebrating gold in the 100-meter dash during the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

ee over the international reporters who, like me, had stopped covering their swimming or diving or equestrian competitions to come and see her.

Now the talk is of Jones breaking Flo-Jo's records, and undoubtedly if she does not, somebody else will. But it is not the records by which we remember the truly brilliant athletes of any era, it is the impressions. And if Florence Griffth-Joyner left her adoring public anything in her too-short time on earth, it sure was one glorious impression.

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Star Defender's Price Can Be a Cross to Bear

International Herald Tribune ONDON — Like the prize fighter

who never believes he loses a bout, only a decision to bad refereeing, Jaap Stam, the most expensive

defender in soccer feels cheated. During the summer, Stam was traded from PSV Eindhoven to Manchester United for \$17 million. That was small

laxation during games, to England where there is seldom a moment's respite from the physical frenzy also takes time and adjustment.

But Stam knows, expects, and he says actually relishes the high tempo, relentless style. He also, by now, knows the unforgiving critical nature of abuse. In Game One, a curtain raiser against

European Soccer/Rob Hughes

change compared to the fees for forwards — for goalscorers like Ronaldo. Christian Vieri, even like Dwight Yorke - who followed Stam to United and cost in excess of \$20 million.

There is, however, a huge disparity in our perception of a soccer player's worth. Any of those forwards can have a bad game, but if he scores, that erases the failing.

A goal can eclipse the performance in the blink of an eye, two or three raise the profile and the confidence of the player. All his mistakes are forgiven, even over-

The striker is judged on numbers. The higher his market price, the more he can feel self-importance and arrogance. even selfishness. A high transfer fee can be worn like a cloak of pride.

Defense is different. It is negative by essence. Stam's costly valuation forbids bim to err. His job is to concentrate for 90 minutes and for 90 games a year if need be. One lapse against a keen for-ward can concede a goal and then, even if Stam is otherwise on top of his game, the crowd, the critics and crucially the manager who persuaded the club to pay for him are on bis back.

That \$17 million becomes an albatross. "It is a lot of money for a defender." Stam has conceded in countless interviews, interrogations almost, since his move. Stam stresses the word defender. He likes his role, but during the World Cup he had good games and

GAINST Belgium be was strong, solid and dependable, as an aggressive defender should be. But he lapsed against Mexico, giving a goal away, be was exposed for pace and conceded a penalty to Yugoslavia, he appeared mesmerized hy Brazil's Ronaldo and Rivaldo. Seventeen-million-dollar man? No defender, we reasoned, is worth that.

Stam's wife was expecting their first child, a girl born in August. But wbo makes allowances for family distractions in a \$17 million defender?

A'defender is bought for insurance. Inside his mind a caution grows, and when be is lambasted publicly for errors, he tries to tighten up his defenses even more. A move from Holland, where there are easy games and re-

Arsenal at Wembley, he was caught out. skinned for lack of pace, Doubts became exaggerated, and are becoming more so as United, the club subject to billion dollar takeover bids, struggles for early season form.

Last week in the UEFA Champions League. United threw away a two goal lead and was held 3-3 by Barcelona. Stam revisited by Rivaldo, this time the Brazilian in club colors, gave away another penalty. Well, the referee said he gave away a penalty. Stam, with that boxer's cagey guard, claims that Rivaldo deceived the arbiter with the cunning of his dive.

TILL, this proneness to penalty kicks at crucial moments is looksing suspiciously like the habit of a defender weighted by doubt, made hesitant and cautious by the albatross of his

He wouldn't agree, for off the pitch Stam is a persuasive man. He believes that, at 26, his prime is before him and that, in reasonable time, the task for which he was purchased - to teach English defenders how to create a seamless chord between attack and midfield

will prove its worth. Experienced judges in Holland agree with him. They say noone in Eindhoven is laughing at the sale of Jaap Stam, that he is class and when the balance of his mind and performances settle Manchester United fans will believe it

Unfortunately, even English league soccer is now full of opponents who know Stam's game and know how to exploit him. On Sunday, against Arsenal for a second time and this time for Premiership points, Manchester United was hammered. 3-0. Two Dutchmen. colleagues of Stam at World Cup level. foes at club soccer, used their pace, their movement and their guile to undermine his confidence.

Marc Overmars was exceptional, Dennis Bergkamp was like the Pim-pernel, and though neither scored, their elusiveness, and Stam's fault in two of the goals, were heavily contrasted. The cloak of forward pride, the albatross of defensive uncertainty.

Rob Hughes is chief sportswriter at The Times of London

A Century of Memories at Commonwealth Games The first Games in 1930 in — it had withdrawn from the In Edmonton 1978, Eng-

will be two years into the next country's first title. millennium, but the 16 Games legacy of memories.

The final day of the Kuala performances Lumpur Games on Monday provided minutes of human pain that were compelling but 100 meters record, and he uncomfortable to watch.

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to aid him. Govindasamy Sara-KUALA LUMPUR - The vanan of Malaysia walked past next Commonwealth Games him and went on to win his

Indeed, the Kuala Lumpur in the 20th century have left a Games - the first in Asia produced many memorable

Trinidad's Ato Boldon, concame close. England's 40-In the 50-kilometer walk, year-old Judy Oakes won gold

from the finish after beating Games. Malaysia's athletes, on the field, but Kuala Lumpur's home turf, outdid themselves, the morning hours of a four- many as they earned in 12 pre-

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Other Games through the years have produced memories

jumper Spike Smallacombe.

In 1934 in London, India and Hong Kong were the first fident as ever, spoke of a world Asian competitors, and women were in the Games for the first

In Sydney 1938, the big star was Australia's Decima Norsuddenly started reeling, fell, year-old mother of four, Ausman — "Dashing Dess" with five track gold medals. World War II forced can-

cellation of the 1942 Montreal gure.

pool, and Susie O'Neill won a Games, and they were not re-zanian Filbert Bayi leading athletics' most infamous dopHe was a mere kilometer record 10th gold medal in three sumed until 1950 in Auckland. from start to finish in the 1,500 ing scandal. In Cardiff in 1958, Herb Elliott, the brilliant Australian 85 percent humidity, even in with 10 golds, five times as who easily won the 880 yards Ryun. Australian swimmer and mile, was the man to

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Hamilton, Ontario, were Commonwealth in 1961. Aus- land's Daley Thompson won known as the British Empire tralian swimmers, led by Dawn the first of his three Common-Games with 11 nations, none Fraser and Murray Rose, dom-from Asia. The first gold inated the swimming. New and Brisbane in 1982 crowned medalist: Canadian triple Zealand's Olympic champion Australian runner Raelene Peter Snell took the 880 yardsmile double.

In Kingston, Jamaica, in 1966 Kenyan Kip Keino won Malaysia, boycotted Edinthe mile and beat Australian Ron Clarke in the three miles. Four years later in Edinburgh, Keino — as well as

5,000 meters. Christchurch 1974 featured 100 with a record-breaking unknown 20-year-old Tan- dash, only to be disqualified in meters to break the seven-yearold record set by American Jim

Michael Wenden ended his career with a remarkable nine South Africa was missing Commonwealth golds. It was years. Swimmer Kieren Perfrom the 1962 Perth Games not until this year that his re-kins took five of Australia's because of its apartheid policy cord was eclipsed by O'Neill. record haul of 87 golds.

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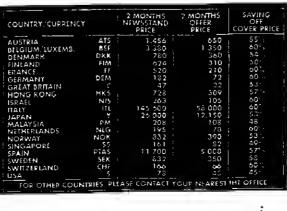


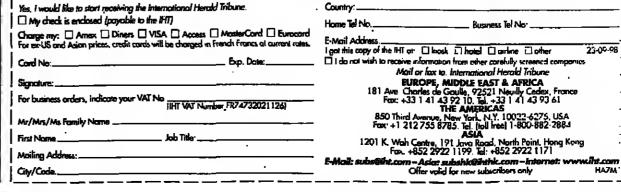
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The Great Meltdown

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Later, in one of those comically solemn conclaves at which journalists ponder the philo- posed on the sinner Clinton. sophy of their trade and eat high on the expense account, the news industry will struggle room codes? Why are the meto understand the Great Media Meltdown of 1998.

If I am asked to contribute a ward the theory that something akin to road rage occurred in the press corps. This produced actions that were variously foolish, shameful, dangerous to democracy and destruction destruction of the news industry.

At the height of the fury which, let us hope, was the past week --- sober commentators considered statesmen of the trade were writing like pornographers to the carriage trade. If the president had abandoned all taste, as it appeared, he carried the knights of the First Amendment with

suggestive language with the warning that "this is a family newspaper" competed with the shahbiest Internet outlets to serve up a rich diet of the tewd and salacious. All journalistic parties, of

course, kept straight faces. The Latin word "genitalia" was seriously overworked. Yes, this was steamy stuff, hut no punches could be pulled, no euphemisms allowed to lessen the impact of the facts. I was tempted to ask, "Why not?" hut did not and do not, lest my colleagues think me soft on the president. Hanging judges lurk behind

every byline, editorial, TV reporter and talking head. In the media it is "get the president" time. Calls for his

impeachment or resignatioo come from dozens of editorialists. Reporters, who once confined themselves to reporting, now speculate about what sentence should be im-

What has caused this abandonment of the ancient newsdia now in cahoots with Ken Start to destroy the president?

I suspect an acute case of monograph, it will tend to- exasperation. The media, remember, know the score on presidents and tend to become irritated with those who do oot know the score. Presidents are serious husiness; people ought to know the score on them.

Yet, despite all the material they have produced to prove Clinton unworthy, opinion polls still show undiminished public support for his job per-formance. It is bound to put serious, score-knowing journalists in sour spirits.

Media people nowadays him into the fens of vulgarity. are almost all college boys Newspapers that had once and girls, cream of the crop, scolded reporters for mildly top of the class. Which also means they don't have a lot in common with all those millions to whom johs and health insurance are more urgent matters than the unorthodox sexual proclivides of higtime poliocians.

It must be despair of ever destroying Clinton that has driven the media into their sudden romance with morality. Declaring Clinton mor-ally unfit to be president is hypocrisy at its most hilarious when it comes from employees of vast media empires which thrive on exploitation of sex and violence.

It's not morality that is at issue here. It's the old Puritan love-hate affair with sex. So nasty. So irresisoble.

New York Times Service

Spanking New British Library Wins Over Critics

By Sarah Lyall

London — "As far as history, there is on history here," Lisaid Doris Fletcher, speaking of the new British Library, the sparkling, soaring building that has opened near King's Cross to replace the old library, which cozed tradition in the heart of Bloomsbury. "We are starting from scratch."

What Fiercher and others who hold the sought-after reader's passes to the new library's reading rooms have been pondering since their surprisingly emotional move across town is this: How do you weigh history against efficiency? What is better — fading glamour (and the ghosts of Karl Marx and Virginia Woolf) or modernistic beauty and a fighting chance of getting the book you need to an hour, instead of three days?

"Tradition and history might be helpful," said Andrew Wyllie, who uses the library to study gender in postwar British theater. "But to have the space to work and easy access to the

papers and books you need is infinitely better."

Wyllie was full of trepidation about the move, which has been taking place in stages since last fall. He loved the atmosphere at the old library, which occupied a number of rooms in the British Museum. He loved the majestic dome in the Round Reading Room, where he did most of his research and where Dickens, Thackeray and George Bernard Shaw did much of theirs.

"I thought it was a grear shame to abandon a purpose-huilt library like the one in Bloomsbury," he said the other day as he left the new library's Humanities Reading Room, the replacement for the old Round Reading Room. "This could have turned into a disaster. But it's infinitely better. It's light. It's comfortable, It's cool. And most importantly, it takes an average of an hour between ordering and getting a book."
Wyllie and the library's thousands of other readers were

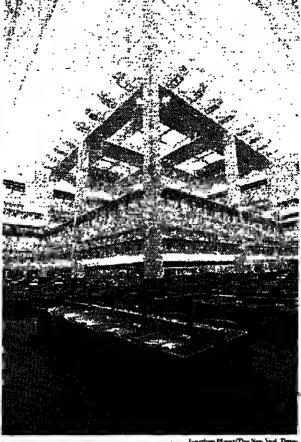
understandahly worried about the new huilding, which during the 36 years and £495 million (\$843 million) from conception to completion often seemed on its way to becoming one of the higgest white elephants London had ever seen. It had been buffeted over the years hy changing public tastes, cost overruns, delays and a cacophony of complaints,

including Prince Charles's sneering dismissal several years ago when he asked: "How can you tell it is a lihrary? It has no character to suggest it is a great public building: But the project has undergone an almost complete reversal

of fortune in the last couple of years, and it opened to glorious reviews. (Parts of the library opened last fall, others in the spring; the official opening was in the summer.) Visitors have embraced the much-maligned architecture,

although the consensus still seems to be that the red-brick exterior fails to do jusoce to the building's glorious interior. "There's no real denying that the outside of the building looks like a Tesco," said the writer Alain de Botton, referring to one of Britain's largest supermarket chains.

Still, the architect, Colin St. John Wilson, feels vindicated



The main reading room at the new British Library.

who attributed his decision last year to close his design company to the criticism he had endured over the library,
"I think the huilding is beginning to speak for itself."
Wilson said, caught by chance the other day as he took some friends on a tour. "I never had a doubt. But all the same, it

was a hit like someone coming and spitting in your face. What has been most gratifying is the way people come up to me and say they loved the old library and dreaded coming here, and now this is better. The British always do this to architects. Wren was put on half pay and sacked before he finished St. Paul's," he said, speaking of Sir Christopher Wren. "And that also took 36 years."

Most have been impressed by the imagination and attention to detail. "It's a wonderful space, devoted entirely to a library," said the author Lady Antonia Fraser. "I think if a library works by the positive response. Prince Charles took a private tour and as a library, that's the important thing. You don't necessarily was very encouraging — although he failed to publicly air his have to sit there thinking, 'I'm part of a great tradition.' You compliments, an omission that most likely irritated Wilson, would do better to think about your own work.'

One quality that the new library has in spades is space. The public spaces are enormous, rising up over several levels with surprising turns and features on each one. Of the four reading rooms, which is divided into 11 discrete "reading areas", the most spectacular is the Humanities Reading Room. It is built on three levels and lighted, as much of the rest of the building

is, by daylight filtered through the ceiling.

The artificial lights inside adjust automatically to the amount of daylight coming in. And, as befits a huilding devoted to the written word, there are modern, well-run exhibition galleries to replace the rather haphazard rooms that used to make up the library in the British Museum.

Visitors can see one of the four original Magna Chartas, a can hear, using beadphones set op around the room, thrilling audio snippets, including James Joyce reading a passage from "Finnegans Wake" and the earliest known tape of a bird call, from 1889.

And in the exhibition "Turning the Dance"

electronically read, for instance, a complete Leonardo da Vinci notebook, putting their hands on a special computer screen that flips from one page to another, magnifies and explains key passages, and even shows what the passages would look like if they were written the right way around rather than in Leonardo's trademark mirror writing.

In the reading rooms, new technology has arrived with a vengeance. Instead of using the old card catalogues — thousands of entries printed out and pasted, quite quantly, into thick books — readers order their books from a computer that can tell them if, for instance, the book they want is already checked out. When books arrive, delivered hy a mechanized system that sends them from deep within the library oo a conveyor belt, readers are alerted hy lights flashing at their desks. The whole thing seems a great deal easier, even to traditionalists.

Everything is on-line and the service is much more efficient, said Patricia Demers, a Canadian who has work ed in the library for nearly 20 years, researching English writing in the 16th and 17th centuries. "I still yearn for the old creaks, though, and the old leather-bound printed cara-

logues. It's just nostalgia, really."

The hardest change to get used to, it seems, is in amhience. The new reading rooms seem colder to some, as if intimacy and weightiness had been lost along with tradition. Some people don't like that the desks seem smaller and that there are no partitions separating readers. And every reader is

worried that the library, running at a deficit, might have to start charging for reader's passes.

The writer David Lodge misses the old ways. 'I've been convinced that the new facilities in the library and the ability to store books safely are a huge improvement over what the old library could offer," he said. "But I have great nostalgic affection for the old reading room and fond associations and memories of it. It was a superb space, and there was something sort of majestic and appropriate about that great dome, which the more utilitarian design of the modern building though it's elegant and high-quality -- doesn't have."



SHOWTIME - Members of the rock group Kiss in Los Angeles promoting their new album, "Psycho Circus," and forthcoming world tour. tinel that he wants a return on his

Five years after his death, Rudolf \$3 million investment in the group.

Nureyev bas been restored to the political good graces of Russia, A deputy prosecutor general, Alexander Zviyaguintsev, announced that the ballet dancer, who was sentenced to seven years in prisoo in his native Soviet Uoion when he defected to France in 1961, had been posthumously rehabilitated. Nureyev was a star of the Kirov Ballet in St. Petersburg, then known as Leningrad, when he sought asylum on his first trip abroad. He did not return bome for 25 years. He died in Paris at age 54.

man who discovered an groomed the Backstreet Boys for stardom has a rebellion on his hands. Four of the Boys are suing Louis Pearlman, along with other managers and several companies that oversee the group's business. The suit, pending in U.S. District Cours in Orlando, Florida, says that the four want more control and a larger share of the \$200 million they have earned. Pearlman told The Orlando Sen-

Christiao Slater is going to Broadway. He will assume the role of Clifford in Warren Leight's acclaimed play "Side Man" for at least three months when it reopens Oct. 20 at the Golden Theater. Slater has appeared in such films as "Broken Arrow!" and "Hard

Rain" and in Broadway and off-Broadway productions, including the 1978 'Music Man.' He will replace Robert Sella, who created the role in "Side Man." Sella has moved to "Cabaret" to play the Master of Ceremootes.

The actor Christopher Reeve, paralyzed since 1995, has urged lawmakers

juries to services. It would also give researchers more information about links between brain-injured patients and those with spinal cord injuries, Reeve said.

> Larry King will have some news besides politics to chatter about with his talk show guests: fatherhood. The 64-Live" and his wife, Shawn Southwick King, are expecting a baby this spring, The Washington Post reported. Earlier. this month, King denied that his 38-yearold wife was pregnant, saying: I wish she were pregnant. I am keeping my fingers crossed. She's a great kid. 'King' and his wife married last September in a. Los Angeles hospital room, where h was being treated for heart troubles. The

child will be her second and his fourth.

to create a national registry of brain and

spinal cord injuries. Appearing in West

Orange, New Jersey, at the Kessler In-

stitute for Rehabilitation, where he spent seven months recuperating after his rid-

ing accident, Reeve said a registry would

allow doctors to match people with in-

French Magazine Hails 2 as Chef of the Year

PEOPLE

Agence France-Presse PARIS - Jacques and Laurent Pourcel, owners of the three-star restaurant in Mootpellier, in the south of named Chef of the Year by the specialist feed magazine Le Chef.

The twins, age 33, opened the restaurant 10 years ago to specialize in Mediterranean cuisine, and it has since become known for its stuffed squid, roast angler fish and tomato pie.

The magazine's Chef of the Year award is arrived at by secret ballot by a panel of chefs who are listed in Michelin Red Guide to French restaurants and hotels.

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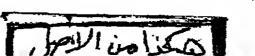
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